

### Chapter 1 : Controlling The Tongue Sermon by Floyd Steverson, James - [www.nxgvision.com](http://www.nxgvision.com)

*I have gotten out of control with my tongue, many times and getting punished for it.. I try so hard to not to but i always do, i have been praying about, and trying to control my tongue, and i hope i do.I also have been looking up verses to help with it but what i need is strength from God.*

If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a mature man who is also able to control his whole body. Though very large and driven by fierce winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. Consider how large a forest a small fire ignites. The tongue, a world of unrighteousness, is placed among the parts of our bodies. It pollutes the whole body, sets the course of life on fire, and is set on fire by hell. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. My brothers, these things should not be this way. Neither can a saltwater spring yield fresh water. This morning we will continue in this series through the Book of James on Practical Christian Living. The Book of James was written to help us how to understand our relationship with God and our relationship with each other better; to help us attain spiritual maturity; and to teach us how to live out our Christian faith. In week 1 we learned who James was, whom his letter was written to, the purpose it was written, and the importance of this teaching. In week 2 we learned that our faith will be tested, how to overcome trials, and how to transform the trials of life into triumphs. In week 3 we learned that God calls us to be doers of His Word and not merely hearers - the blessing comes from the doing, not the hearing. In week 4 we were warned about the destructive sin of favoritism, prejudice, racism - we learned how God is not partial, and we learned how a Christian should properly relate to others who are different from us. We learned to recognize that although we may look differently, or come from different places, or belong to different socio-economic groups, we are all ONE in the Body of Christ. Last week, we learned that faith and works go hand in hand. A faith that does not produce the work of Christ within us, is no faith at all. Real faith will always produce the work of Christ. Our faith must be demonstrated through our works. As we continue to move forward through this series, this week we will examine another issue that is a problem area in the lives of most Christian people: For instance, in Tibet, sticking out the tongue is considered a proper greeting. When two people meet, they stick out their tongues at each other. Typically a human tongue is around 3. Even though the tongue is very small, the Bible says it is powerful: Although the tongue has many functions, the only function the Bible is addressing when it speaks of controlling the tongue, is the role the tongue plays in articulating speech. In other words, when the Bible uses the word "tongue" it is not concerned with the actual flesh and blood organ that assists in chewing, swallowing, or tasting, but the manner in which we use of the tongue in the process of speech.

*"The tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison" (James ). Only by the grace of God in your life can you seek to control your speech. Only by the grace of God in your life can you seek to control your speech.*

On a windswept hill in an English country churchyard stands a drab, gray slate tombstone. The faint etchings read: Beneath this stone, a lump of clay, lies Arabella Young, Who, on the twenty-fourth of May, began to hold her tongue. As we move into chapter 3, James has gone from preaching to meddling! He has just made it clear that genuine faith works. If God has changed your heart through the new birth, the saving faith that He granted to you will inevitably show itself in a life of good deeds. But now he moves from the generality of good deeds to the specifics of the words that you speak. In building his case that all have sinned, the apostle Paul zeroes in on the sins of the tongue Rom. Although we become new creatures in Christ 2 Cor. The tongue is one of the major battlegrounds in the war. To become godly people, we must wage war daily on this front. We all tend to justify ourselves by pointing to others who are notoriously bad. But James comes in with vivid illustrations to open our eyes to just how serious our problem is. He just leaves you reeling from his portrait of how huge this problem is. To tame the tongue, we must recognize that we will be held accountable for what we say 3: Apparently the churches to which James was writing had too many men who were self-appointed teachers. In the Jewish synagogues, rabbis were highly respected and the office was often one that parents coveted for their sons. It was proper to respect the rabbis because of the sacred Scriptures that they expounded, but it was wrong to give men the honor that God alone deserves. Jesus confronted the Jewish leaders on this account Matt. But do not be called Rabbi; for One is your Teacher, and you are all brothers. Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. Do not be called leaders; for One is your Leader, that is, Christ. But the greatest among you shall be your servant. Presumably, you know more than those that you teach, which means that in some way they should look up to you. Because of this, there is the built-in danger that some will take upon themselves the office of Bible teacher for the wrong reasons, or that those who took the position for the right reason later will fall into pride. If a man goes into teaching the Bible because of a secret desire for status or recognition, he is doing it for self and not for the Lord. Christ is the Leader! Any time that we teach, we should keep in mind the serious fact that we will stand before the Lord to give an account! One popular author and Bible teacher emphasizes that we should not view ourselves as sinners, but as saints who occasionally sin. We can never achieve sinless perfection in this life, but we can grow to spiritual maturity. One important gauge of that is our speech. One way to tame the tongue is to recognize that we all will be held accountable for our speech. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned. But, like James, He was teaching that our works reveal whether our faith is genuine faith. Our words either validate that we are true believers or reveal that we do not know God. Genuine believers have this sense of being accountable for their speech. To tame the tongue, we must recognize its power for good or for evil 3: James uses two analogies here to make the point that the tongue is small, but mighty: It is relatively small compared to the size of the ship, but with his hand on the wheel or tiller, the pilot can steer a mammoth ship, even in a strong wind. Both the bit and the rudder must overcome contrary forces to direct the horse and the ship. A horse is a powerful animal that can do much useful work, but only if it can be directed. A ship is a useful means of transporting cargo or people, but if the rudder is broken, it will be at the mercy of the wind and waves, and could result in a shipwreck causing the loss of life and cargo. To work properly and accomplish good things, both bit and rudder must be under the control of a strong hand that knows how to use them properly. It would be a miracle if we got through the morning without anyone getting cut! The fact is, we all have a razor-sharp, two-edged swordâ€”in our mouths! We should use them with the greatest care to bring healing, not injury. Proverbs has many other references to the tongue. He wants us to recognize the inordinate power of the tongue, either for good or for evil, so that we use it carefully. To tame the tongue, we must recognize that it is a humanly untamable source of terrible evil 3: James uses two more word pictures for comparison and contrast: Living here in Flagstaff in the midst of the largest ponderosa pine forest in the world, we are very much aware of the potential danger and damage of forest fires. All it

takes is one tossed cigarette or one campfire that is not totally extinguished and thousands of acres of beautiful forest can be destroyed. Under control, fire is useful; out of control, it is frightening and devastating! In November of , after a very dry autumn, on an extremely windy day an arsonist lit a fire in the tinder-dry brush just above San Bernardino, California. The high winds quickly fanned the flames up the mountain toward the town of Crestline, where we then lived. While firefighters were trying to contain that blaze, the same arsonist drove to the east and then back to the west, lighting separate fires in each location. Several homes in San Bernardino were destroyed, killing at least four people. Forest fires are devastating! If we do not use our tongues with great caution, we are like spiritual arsonists, lighting careless fires that cause widespread destruction. James says that the one who is careless with his tongue is the first to be defiled. It later became a place to burn trash. The only other New Testament use is by Jesus 11 times to refer to the place of eternal torment. James means that an evil tongue is set on fire by Satan himself. Most Christians would shrink back from sins like homosexuality, molesting children, or murder as being satanically depraved. Yet we tolerate gossip, slander, deceit, half-truths, sarcastic put-downs, and other sins of the tongue as if they were no big deal. James says that all such sins have their origin in the pit of hell. They defile the one committing them. As a believer in Christ, you must confront these sins in yourself and you must be bold enough to confront them in others. James goes on to use an analogy from the animal world. But James says that there is one beast that cannot be tamed: You must always be on guard against it. Being full of deadly poison, you should handle it as cautiously as you would a vial of anthrax. James does not say that the tongue is untamable. He says that no one can tame it. It is humanly untamable. Only God can tame it. James does not state that because he wants us to get a clear view of the horrible monster that we must do battle with. When the Holy Spirit controls your heart on a daily basis, over time the fruit of the Spirit will appear. These include love, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control, which all relate to the control of the tongue. To tame this terrible tongue, you must daily walk in the Spirit, taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. Ultimately, an evil tongue is the tool of an evil heart. To tame the tongue, we must recognize that its inconsistencies are rooted in its source 3: James points out a gross inconsistency that he no doubt had observed. She makes me sick! Why do you know what she did? James gets very direct 3: The same spring does not send out fresh water one minute and bitter water the next. He asks rhetorically 3: Neither can salt water produce fresh. For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart. If you want to tame the terrible tongue, the place to start is with your heart. Work daily at taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ 2 Cor. Walk daily under the control of the Holy Spirit Gal. Renew your mind by memorizing Scripture Rom. But let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. He has asked audiences if they can go for twenty-four hours without saying any unkind words about, or to, anybody. If you cannot go for twenty-four hours without drinking liquor, you are addicted to alcohol. If you cannot go for twenty-four hours without smoking, you are addicted to nicotine. Also record when others do so, as well as your reactions when that happens.

### Chapter 3 : James - Taming the Tongue - Not many of you - Bible Gateway

*God tells us in His Word that the tongue has incredible power. We can use our tongue to bring blessings and life or curses and death. The saying "sticks and stones can break my bones but words will never hurt me" is simply not true. Our tongues can be the most difficult thing to control and leave us.*

In a recent sermon the other day one of my pastors related that the book of James discusses the tongue more than any other. I thought it was cruel, but at the end of the row my grandfather could turn the horse on a dime. Just as we place a bit in the mouth of a horse to control it we should have a bit. Now think about large ships like the Queen Mary. How did the crew control such a huge vessel weighing more than 81, tons? The tongue is a mighty weapon. We often use it to destroy someone else on purpose or unintentionally. What we think of as small little comment can actually wreak a bit of havoc with someone else. So too, though the tongue is a small part [of the body], it boasts great things. Consider how large a forest a small fire ignites James 3: And the tongue is a fire. The tongue, a world of unrighteousness, is placed among the parts of our [bodies]; it pollutes the whole body, sets the course of life on fire, and is set on fire by hell. For every creature—animal or bird, reptile or fish—is tamed and has been tamed by man. Our tongue can destroy what we love. Our tongue can get us into mischief. Our tongue can embarrass us greatly. Our tongue shapes our character and provides a method for others to view us. Unfortunately very few men learn to control their tongues even though we have learned to control many things of this world including various animals. Many people live their lives by excelling as verbal arsonists setting fires everywhere they go. They berate their kids, their spouse, and their friends. They intimidate others with their arrogance and some even turn folks off by their constant comments of doom and gloom. We must remember our tongues display who we are. Our words shape who we are. How can this be? How many people did you judge today? Perhaps you voiced your opinion to someone else and not to the person your words could destroy. The true condition of your heart comes out through your tongue. It would seem then that the solution to control the tongue is not a bridle and bit. Rid yourself of all the offenses you have committed and get a new heart and a new spirit Ezekiel Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord, keep watch over the door of my lips Psalm Find other bloggers participating in Thursday Thirteen here Posted by.

### Chapter 4 : 7 Good Bible Verses About Taming The Tongue

*Question: "Taming the tongue" why is it so difficult?" Answer: The concept of taming the tongue is found in James 3 where God declares, through the apostle James, that "no one can tame the tongue" (James ). The lengthy discussion about the tongue in this chapter is both convicting and.*

Tweet Here are seven Bible verses that refer to trying to tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. It is contrary to the Spirit of God and the will of God. They can bring great joy and admonishment but they can also leave deep wounds where scars cannot be seen or easily be healed. One small word can do so much good but it can also do so much bad. The rudder on a great ship is so tiny compared to the vessel but that same tiny rudder can cause the whole vessel to sink. The tongue likes to move before the brain told it what to say. What I mean is that spontaneous anger never ends well and the person who spoke the angry words nearly always ends up with regrets for what they said. The use of imagery is very vivid and compares to the deadliness of a quick thrusting of rash words with that of actual sword thrusts. This naturally injures the person on the receiving end however the tongue of the wise can often heal what the rash person has inflicted. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire. Smallness does not mean insignificant. Dynamite does come in small packages and nothing in the human body packs a punch like the human tongue. It can do so many great things but it can also do so many destructive things. It can help but it can also quickly turn on you. At least it breaks their resistance to perversion. The tongue and the words used can be profanity-laced or grace-filled. The choice is purely up to the one which the tongue belongs too. Take a look at some more Bible verses by topic here: [Would you like to get the daily question in your FB messenger? Just click the button below to get started.](#)

**Chapter 5 : 27 Best Bible Verses About the Tongue - Encouraging Scriptures**

*In this writer's view, "Tongue control" would help with the "gun control" problem. While it would not completely solve the problem, it would help control the evil use of these weapons. As we hear on the daily news, many people are shot and killed by guns as a result of angry words that are spoken.*

This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, When he had gone through those regions and had given them much encouragement, he came to Greece. There he spent three months, and when a plot was made against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia. These went on ahead and were waiting for us at Troas, A lying tongue hates its victims, and a flattering mouth works ruin. But now you must put them all away: There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, As charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring. This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment. Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, but those who plan peace have joy. No ill befalls the righteous, but the wicked are filled with trouble. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous that is, an idolater, has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers. Grace to you and peace from God our Father. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent. Now therefore thus says the Lord, You shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die. The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels; they go down into the inner parts of the body. Like the glaze covering an earthen vessel are fervent lips with an evil heart. Whoever hates disguises himself with his lips and harbors deceit in his heart; when he speaks graciously, believe him

not, for there are seven abominations in his heart; Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. Suggest a Verse Enter a Verse Reference e. Unless otherwise indicated, all content is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution License.

### Chapter 6 : What Does the Bible Say About Taming Your Tongue?

*If your kids need helping remembering to be respectful with their words, take a look at these ideas: You've heard the reprimand "Hold your tongue!".*

It has been estimated that in a typical week, the average person will speak enough words to fill a page book! However, for the Christian, the use of the tongue must be a matter of careful forethought and discipline. It is a deception for any of us to think that Jesus can be Lord over our life, without also becoming Lord over our tongue. In the same manner, Christians must allow the Holy Spirit to bridle their tongue, and bring restraint to their words. Hypocrisy of the Tongue Elsewhere, James gave a warning of the evil poison of the tongue. He described some who try to use their tongue as praise and blessing to God, then turn around to use their tongue to speak evil of one another. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. The Bible says that such tongue behavior is characteristic of hypocrites. Mouth Sins Are Not Trivial Unfortunately, mouth sins have somehow been domesticated and entertained by the modern church. However, when Paul wrote to the church at Rome he sternly contended that gossips, slanderers, and bad-mouthers were in the same league as murderers, sexual perverts, and haters of God. Furthermore, he said such sins are worthy of a death sentence Rom. Some believers have experienced problems and misfortune, or fail to get answers to their prayers, because of their mouth sins. Satan takes advantage of those whose mouths are undisciplined and that are used wickedly. The Bible teaches that they who desire to dwell in the presence of God, to experience His blessings, are those who will live righteously and who will not backbite or badmouth their neighbor. Furthermore, God promises a long, blessed life to those who keep their tongue from evil. Accountable For All Our Words Jesus warned that our words are so important that they will actually determine our condemnation or justification. He said we will be held responsible for all our words, even our careless, idle words. Elsewhere, Paul cautioned believers to disallow any corrupt or worthless talk to come from our mouth. Only those things which lift-up, encourage, and are gracious should be expressed to others. Obscenities, profanity, cursing, dirty jokes, or making fun of others is not something that should ever be found in the mouth of a believer. Confess and Forsake Sin Thank God there is a remedy for mouth sins. His grace and forgiveness is available for all manner of sin, whatever it may be. Jesus will forgive all sins that we confess to Him 1 John 1: True repentance means that we will make every effort not to repeat our former sins and will seek to walk in the nature of Christ. Since mouth sins really originate in the heart Matt. If you realize that your tongue is out of control, seek His forgiveness and allow Him to change the attitude of your heart and your mouth, so they will be pleasing to Him. You may download this article for personal use as long as you retain credit to the author. Obtain permission before reproducing copies for any reason, by filling out our simple use permission form. Many of our writings are also available as free pdf tri-fold pamphlets, which can be downloaded for reproduction from our Online Catalog. For media reproduction rights, or to obtain quantities of this title in other formats, email us. If you have appreciated these online materials, help us reach the world with the Gospel by considering a monthly or one-time tax-deductable donation.

### Chapter 7 : Prayer for Controlling the Tongue

*13 Things About Controlling Your Tongue 1. In a recent sermon the other day one of my pastors related that the book of James discusses the tongue more than any www.nxgvision.com seems appropriate since we seem to use a large segment of our time talking.*

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*I want to give thanks to my Dear Heavenly Father, to teach me how to controlling my tongue, to keep my self out of trouble. For life and death are in the power of the tongue. And thank you for this beautiful prayer.*

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### Chapter 9 : James 3 NLT;KJV - Controlling the Tongue - Dear brothers - Bible Gateway

*Taming the Tongue Home > the Bible says no one can "tame the tongue". we need to look at some of the ways it gets out of control. And then we'll look at some things we can do about it.*