

**WATCH YOUR
TONGUE (II)**

All give account for words

- Mt.12:34-47

¹² So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty – James 2:12

- Two of ten commandments . . .
 - Do not take name of Lord in vain, Ex.20:7
 - Do not bear false witness, Ex.20:16
- Tongue can be best or worst

I. Gossip

Gossip: idle talk or rumors

- Job 20:12
- Jn.21:20-23

Always a problem –

2 Th.3:10-12

1 Tim.5:13

- Not wise – Ec.10:20

Cure for
gossip:
2 Co.13:5
1 Tim.5:14

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II. Slander

Slander: accusation maliciously uttered to damage reputation

- False charge, Mt.5:11
- Circulated craftily, Dn.3:8
 - Against Jesus, Mt.26:59-61
 - Blasphemer, Mt.9:3
 - Glutton, winebibber, Mt.11:19
 - Perverts, forbids taxes, King, Lk.23:2
 - Samaritan, demonic, Jn.8:48
 - Ac.28:22; Ro.3:8

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Cure for slander –

- Are you eye-witness?
- Assume responsibility?
- Consider innocent till proven guilty?
- Face the accused?
- Motivated by love?
- Pray for accused?

Mt.7:12

Jn.8:1-7

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Consequences of slander

‘You shall not go about as a talebearer among your people; nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD’ –Lv.19:16

- Ro.1:29-30, bad company of world
- 2 Co.12:20, bad company in church
- 2 Tim.3:3, among people to be avoided

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III. Profanity

Profane: to speak irreverently
of holy things

2 Tim.3:2 – characteristic of last days

Ep.5:11 – don't join them

1 Tim.1:19-20 – religious slanderers
[blasphemers] belong with satan

Euphemism: substitution of inoffensive term for one that may offend. Ep.5:4

darn, durn, dang = damn

heck = hell

gosh = God

golly = God

Jiminy Crickets = Jesus Christ

holy cow = holy Christ

gee = Jesus

doggone...

Exclamatory expressions of 'good' = euphemism for God. Ep.4:29

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**IV. Idle Talking And
Complaining**

Mt.12:36

- Responsible for light / careless words; how great is guilt for complaining?
- 1 Co.10:10, learn from history
 - Nu.14:1-4...

Do all things w/o complaining
and disputing – Ph.2:14

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V. Lying

Lie: to give false impression, deceive

- Cheat on test
- Flattery
- Excuses

Abraham, Gn.12, 20

Sarah, Gn.18

Job 40:4

- Rv.21:8
- Acts 5:4 – caught!

Concluding Tongue Thoughts

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the **fruit of our lips**, giving thanks to His name – Hb.13:15

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit – Pr.18:1