WATCH YOUR TONGUE (II)

### All give account for words

### • Mt.12:34-47

<sup>12</sup> 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



Gossip: idle talk or rumors • Job 20:12 • Jn.21:20-23 Always a problem – Cure for gossip: 2 Th.3:10-12 2 Co.13:5 1 Tim.5:13 1 Tim.5:14 • Not wise – Ec.10:20

#### I. Gossip

## 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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Slander: accusation maliciously uttered to damage reputation 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**Exclamatory** gosh = Godexpressions golly = Godof 'good' =euphemism Jiminy Crickets = Jesus Christ for God. holy cow = holy Christ **Ep.4:29** gee = Jesus doggone...

Ι.	Gossip

II. Slander

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IV. Idle Talking And Complaining

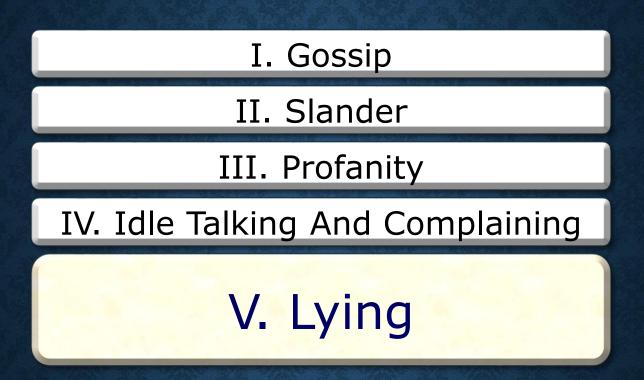
## Mt.12:36

 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



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