

Symptoms of a Sick Tongue

- Symptom #1 - Telling the Untruth
- Symptom #2 - Stirring Up Discord
- Symptom #3 - Dishing the Dirt
- Symptom #4 - Passing Along False Information
- Symptom #5 - Breaking Confidences
- Symptom #6 - Speaking Curses Instead of Blessing

Symptom #7 - Using God's Name in _____

Ex 20:7 Do not misuse the name of the LORD your God. The LORD will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name.

- Using God's name as a _____ word.
- Using God's name in a _____ way.

Symptom #8 - Spewing _____ Speech

Col 3:8 But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language.

Job 34:2-3 Hear my words, you wise men; listen to me, you men of learning. For the ear tests words as the tongue tastes food. Let us discern for ourselves what is right; let us learn together what is good.

Symptom #9 - Habitually Speaking _____

Prov 21:9 It is better to live alone in the corner of an attic than with a contentious wife in a lovely home.

Prov 26:21 A contentious [quarrelsome] man starts fights as easily as hot embers light charcoal or fire lights wood.

Contentious speech is a _____.

Instead of a contentious spirit, determine to have an _____ spirit.

Symptom #10 - Spreading _____

It's common name: _____

Heb 3:12-13 See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage [exhort] one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

Antidote: _____ one another daily

Unbelief is _____ and it's spread through _____.

Faith doesn't mean you don't _____ the problem; it means you see _____ the problem.

Questions for Further Thought:

1. Do you have a problem with cursing? If so, how can you break this habit in your life? Are you accountable in this area? Do you feel that you have spoken curses in the past that need to be repented of and broken?
2. Do you find you have a habit of using God's name as a curse or slang word in your speech? Have you ever used God's name in a self-serving way? What steps can you take to correct these habits in your speech?
3. Do you have a tendency to use filthy speech? Is filthy language used at the place where you work? How can you show love to unbelievers and yet avoid listening to filthy speech?
4. Are you a contentious person? Do you like to argue? Have you developed habits of being argumentative and contentious? How can you break these habits so they won't affect your relationships? Who is a trusted confidant that you could ask to help you in this area?
5. Are you a negative or a positive person? Have you developed a habit of speaking negatively? Is there a stronghold of unbelief in your life? What can you do to break this habit?