

# Taming the Tongue

**James 3:7-8** *People can tame all kinds of animals and birds and reptiles and fish, but no one can tame the tongue. It is an uncontrollable evil, full of deadly poison.*

Taming the tongue is not within \_\_\_\_\_ power.

**Ex 4:10-12** *Moses said to the LORD, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." The LORD said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."*

We must \_\_\_\_\_ our mouth to the authority of God.

**Mark 13:11** *But when you are arrested and stand trial, don't worry about what to say in your defense. Just say what God tells you to. Then it is not you who will be speaking, but the Holy Spirit.*

The \_\_\_\_\_ is the agent God will use to tame our tongue.

**Ps 141:3** *Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.*

**1 Cor 13:11** *When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.*

When we submit to God and allow Him to transform us, we will \_\_\_\_\_ in the control we have over our tongue and the constructive use of our tongue.

Taming the tongue is a \_\_\_\_\_.

## Three Vital Steps To Bridling Our Tongue

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - the ability to wait and say nothing

**James 1:19** *My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry*

**Prov 21:23** *He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity.*

It's \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility to guard my mouth.

**Prov 10:19** *When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.*

**Prov 17:27-28** *A truly wise person uses few words; a person with understanding is even-tempered. Even fools are thought to be wise when they keep silent; when they keep their mouths shut, they seem intelligent.*

Pitfall to pausing: failure to \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Four types of people:

- Those who think \_\_\_\_\_ they speak.
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- Those who speak and \_\_\_\_\_ think.

3. \_\_\_\_\_

***Is 6:1-4 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke***

***Is 6:5 "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."***

***Is 6:6-7 Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."***

Every morning I need to come into God's \_\_\_\_\_ and allow Him to touch my mouth so my words bring life to those around me.

The bridge to restoration and healing and getting rid of bad words: \_\_\_\_\_

Unforgiveness grows a fruit producing tree of \_\_\_\_\_. All fruit carries seeds that hold the potential to produce more and more trees.

You can't stop it from reproducing, you must \_\_\_\_\_ it down.

***Matt 3:10 The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.***

\_\_\_\_\_ is your ax.

Good words last and carry enormous \_\_\_\_\_.

***2 Tim 1:3-4 I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy.***

Our prayers don't dissipate. They persist as a \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven before God.