

MANAGE YOUR MOUTH

(James 3:1-18)

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“We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check” (James 3:2).

Why must I watch what I say? Three reasons . . .

I. My tongue directs _____ . (James 3:3-4)

A. When in doubt, _____!

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

II. My tongue can destroy _____ . (James 3:5-8)

Proverbs 18:20 (GN) “You have to live with the consequences of everything you say.”

A. It’s like a _____ reaction.

Proverbs 21:23 (GN) “If you want to stay out of trouble be careful what you say.”

III. My tongue displays _____ . (James 3:9-12)

A. It reveals my _____ character.

B. Consider the _____.

Matthew 12:34b (Jesus) “For out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks.”

What is the solution? Three things . . .

I. Check the _____ . (James 3:13-16)

A. Sometimes the truth _____!

II. Get heavenly _____ . (James 3:17-18)

James 1:5 “If any of you lacks wisdom he should ask God, who gives generously to all *without finding fault*, and it will be given to him.”

A. You can _____ God for it.

III. Get a new _____.

A. Needed: A spiritual _____ .

Ezekiel 18:31 “Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed and get a new heart and a new spirit.”

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NAS) “Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”

Psalms 51:10 (TLB) “Create in me a new, clean heart, O God, filled with clean thoughts and right desires.”