

Message



"How Do We Train Our Tongue?"

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Matthew 12:33-37

But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.”

King James

“every idle word”

English Standard

“every careless word”

Greek

“rema argos”

“carless or inactive or unprofitable words”

We are admonished to make the best use of our words, because words express what is in our hearts.

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James 3:2-5

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. When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark.

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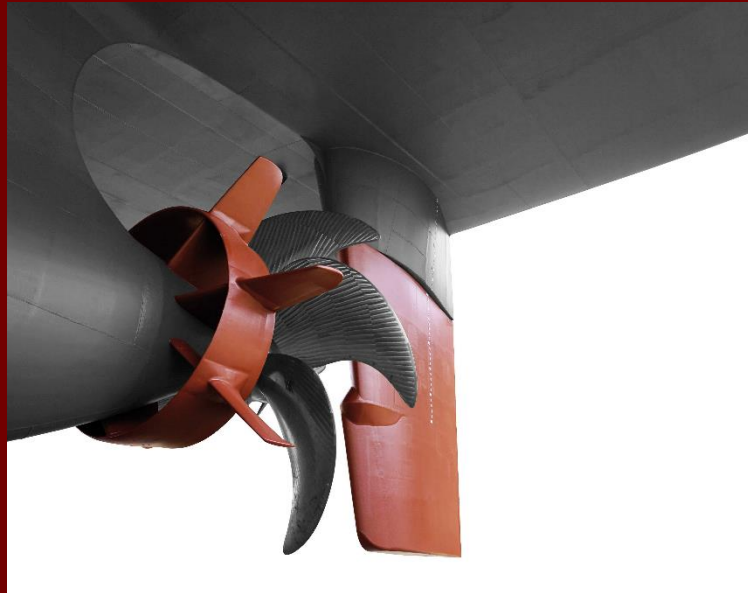
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James 3:6-8

The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

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- What controls our tongue?
- What controls our words?
- What controls our minds?



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Romans 3:9-12

What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin. As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."

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Romans 3:13-18

**"Their throats are open graves;
their tongues practice deceit."
"The poison of vipers is on their
lips." "Their mouths are full of
cursing and bitterness." "Their
feet are swift to shed blood; ruin
and misery mark their ways, and
the way of peace they do not
know." "There is no fear of God
before their eyes."**

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Isaiah 50:4

The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of disciples, That I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.

King James **“the tongue of the learned”**

Moffatt **“the well-trained tongue”**

Revised Standard **“the tongue of those who
are taught”**

Masoretic Text **“the tongue of them that
are taught”**

How Do We Train Our Tongue?

- **Ask God To Help You Guard Your Words**

Psalm 141:3

Proverbs 17:27-28

Proverbs 10:19

James 1:19



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- **Ask God To Help You Change Your Heart**

Psalm 51:10

Matthew 12:34-35

Hebrews 8:10

James 3:14-18



How Do We Train Our Tongue?

- **Treat People As You Want To Be Treated**

Matthew 7:12

Proverbs 18:8, 21



Treat others as you want to be treated

Leviticus 19:11-18

Matthew 6:14-15

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- **Seek To Understand Other People And Serve Their Needs**

I Corinthians 9:19-22

Ephesians 4:29



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II Corinthians 1:3–5

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.

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