

- [Job 27:3,4](#)

*...as long as breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils, my lips will not speak falsehood, and my **tongue** will not utter deceit.*

What is the deal that Job makes with himself?

- [Psalm 12:3,4](#)

*May the Lord cut off all flattering lips, the **tongue** that makes great boasts, those who say, "With our tongue we will prevail, our lips are with us; who is master over us?"*

What is the main problem with the one who 'makes great boasts'?

- [Psalm 34:13](#)

*Keep your **tongue** from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.*

What does this tell us we should do?

- [Psalm 35:27,28](#)

*Let those who delight in my righteousness shout for joy and be glad and say evermore, "Great is the Lord, who delights in the welfare of his servant!" Then my **tongue** shall tell of your righteousness and of your praise all the day long.*

What should we want our tongues to do?

- [Psalm 37:30](#)

*The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his **tongue** speaks justice.*

What does the mouth of the righteous do?

- [Psalm 39:1](#)

*I said, "I will guard my ways, that I may not sin with my **tongue**; I will guard my mouth with a muzzle, so long as the wicked are in my presence."*

At what lengths should we go to refrain from sinning with our tongues?

- **Psalm 52:1-5**

¹ *Why do you boast of evil, O mighty man?
The steadfast love of God endures all the day.*
² *Your **tongue** plots destruction,
like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit.*
³ *You love evil more than good,
and lying more than speaking what is right. Selah*
⁴ *You love all words that devour,
O deceitful tongue.*

⁵ *But God will break you down forever;
he will snatch and tear you from your tent;
he will uproot you from the land of the living. Selah*

How does a person often conduct himself when he thinks that he is mighty, maybe even mightier than God?

- [Psalm 119:172](#)

*My **tongue** will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right.*

How do you think a person can get to the point where they are actually singing God's words?

- **Psalm 120:1-3**

*In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me. Deliver me, O Lord, from lying lips,
from a deceitful **tongue**.*

Would you be brave enough to begin praying this on a regular basis?

- [Psalm 139:4](#)

*Even before a word is on my **tongue**, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.*

How does this verse make you feel about the words that come out of your mouth?

- **Proverbs 6:16-19**

¹⁶ *There are six things that the Lord hates,
seven that are an abomination to him:
¹⁷ *haughty eyes, a lying tongue,**

*and hands that shed innocent blood,
18 a heart that devises wicked plans,
feet that make haste to run to evil,
19 a false witness who breathes out lies,
and one who sows discord among brothers.*

Why do you think God hates lying so much?

- [Proverbs 10:20](#)

*The **tongue** of the righteous is choice silver; the heart of the wicked is of little worth.*

Why are tongues which speak righteousness so valuable? Could it be because it is so rare?

- [Proverbs 10:31](#)

*The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse **tongue** will be cut off.*

When we speak, what type of words should we desire to come out of us?

- [Proverbs 12:18](#)

*There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the **tongue** of the wise brings healing.*

What do our words have the potential to do?

- [Proverbs 12:19](#)

*Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying **tongue** is but for a moment.*

Why is being completely truthful with others so important?

- [Proverbs 15:2](#)

*The **tongue** of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly.*

Why is it so important to know what we are talking about before we speak?

- [Proverbs 15:4](#)

*A gentle **tongue** is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.*

Why is being gentle when we speak such a life giving practice?

- [Proverbs 16:1](#)

*The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the **tongue** is from the Lord.*

When we answer someone with our words, where do we want those words to come from?
Also, how can this become easier and easier for us?

- [Proverbs 17:4](#)

*An evildoer listens to wicked lips, and a liar gives ear to a mischievous **tongue**.*

Why does it matter so much who we listen to and get advice from?

- [Proverbs 17:20](#)

*A man of crooked heart does not discover good, and one with a dishonest **tongue** falls into calamity.*

When we are dishonest, where does it lead us?

- [Proverbs 18:21](#)

*Death and life are in the power of the **tongue**, and those who love it will eat its fruits.*

What does our tongue have the power to do? In addition, how can our tongues become more powerful?

- [Proverbs 21:6](#)

*The getting of treasures by a lying **tongue** is a fleeting vapor and a snare of death.*

How do people lie and what do they lie about in order to gain wealth?

- [Proverbs 21:23](#)

Whoever keeps his mouth and his **tongue** keeps himself out of trouble.

How do we stay out of trouble?

- [Proverbs 25:23](#)

*The north wind brings forth rain, and a backbiting **tongue**, angry looks.*

How do we keep ourselves out of trouble with how others view us?

- [Proverbs 26:28](#)

*A lying **tongue** hates its victims, and a flattering mouth works ruin.*

When we lie, what does it say about how we value the person we lie to?

- [Proverbs 28:23](#)

*Whoever rebukes a man will afterward find more favor than he who flatters with his **tongue**.*

Why is telling someone the truth better than flattery?

- [James 1:26](#)

*If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his **tongue** but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.*

What does our speech prove about our religion? NOTE: religion refers to our outward acts of devotion to God.

- [James 3:5](#)

*So also the **tongue** is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!*

Why is it that even the smallest thing said can have such a great effect (good or bad) on other people? Why do people respond the way they do at what is said to them or how it is said?

- [James 3:6](#)

*And the **tongue** is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The **tongue** is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.*

Why do you think this verse puts such a huge importance on our tongues?

- [James 3:8](#)

*but no human being can tame the **tongue**. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.*

If no human can tame the tongue, who then can help us tame it?