

**Series: Nuts & Bolts Christianity**

**Title: Living Faith and a Wise Tongue**

**Text: James 3**

**I. Wisdom is Slow to Speak: (Vs 1-12)**

**A. We are not to Arrogantly Reprove Others: (Vs 1-4)**

(Matt 7:2)(Mk 4:24) Measure Ye Mete

**Vs 1** People are watching and Listening

**Vs 2** We all offend in Many Ways/Many Times

**Vs 3** We have learned to tame animals

**Vs 4** We control large things with small things

**B. Powerful Instrument of good or Evil: (Vs 5-12)**

(Job 21:5) “*lay your hand upon your mouth.*”

**Vs 5** It seems so small an insignificant!

**Vs 6** Our Tongue is small; Can destroy our world.

**Vs 7-8** We can seem to train Mindless Brutes with ease.

**Vs 9-10** The Duality of our Speech Behavior

**Vs 11-12** Nature is Definitive.

(Matt 12:37) Our words will Confirm/our testimony!

**C. The Problem of the Tongue: (Prov 6:12-19)**

(Prov 15:8-9, 26)

(Matt 12:36-37)

**II. Wisdom from Below: (Vs 13-16)**

**Vs 13** You are a Teacher of others who watch you.

Out of our Mouthes: (Matt 15:18-20)

(Prov 22:24-25)

“Meekness & Wisdom” (Lk 6:43-49)

**Vs 14** Who is the Liar of vs 14?

**Vs 15** Our Flesh is Devil-like.

**Vs 16** The Contradictory nature of our mouth

**\*\*\*Why do people tear down others?**

A. Improper view of our self!

B. Who’s Opinion Matters Most to You?

1. Your Special to God. (Jn 3:16)

2. Your Special to your Family:

3. Your Special to your Pastor & Church Family.

C. Whose Opinion of You, is Most Important to you?

What Others think of you?

**\*\*\*What do we give our voices to? (Matt 12:36)**

**\*\*\*We choose sides with our voice!**

Our Voices are to Testify of God! (Ps 26:7) (Ps 107:2)

Our Voices are to Sing Praise to God! (Ps 98:4)

Our Voices are to Lead Others to Salvation: (Eph 6:4)

**III. Wisdom from Above: (Vs 17-18)**

**Vs 17** What is the key to keeping our tongues under control?

**Vs 18** What comes out our mouths is the fruit sown there.

“Sown in Peace” - Quiet times with God: (Gal 6:6-10)

The purpose of God for our tongue

A. To confess Christ: (Romans 10:8-9, Matthew 10:32)

B. To witness for Christ: (Revelation 12:11)

C. To bless God and man: (Psalm 19:14)

## EXERCISES FOR YOUR TONGUE

(James 1:26)

Here are 13 of them, based on [James chapter 1](#).

1. **Tell your tongue to be joyful.** (vs. 2)  
*"Praise the Lord! He's still working on me".*
2. **Tell your tongue to speak patiently.** (vs. 3,4)  
*"My goal is to give them all they need for their maturity"*
3. **Tell your tongue to pray for wisdom.** (vs.5)  
*"I need wisdom".*
4. **Remind your tongue to ask in faith.** (vs. 6-8)  
*"I trust God is working all things together for good"*  
(Rom 8:28).
5. **Remind your tongue to ask in hope.** (vs. 9-11)  
*"God promises that there are better things to come"*
6. **Tell your tongue to rejoice & pray for endurance:**(v12)  
*"With God's help I'm not giving up".*
7. **Tell your tongue to be thankful.** (vs. 12)  
*"Thank you God for giving me rewards".*
8. **Tell your tongue to be loving.** (vs. 12)  
*"I love you Heavenly Father".*
9. **Tell your tongue to stop complaining.** (vs. 13-15)  
*"Everything God does is good. I'm the sinner, I am the one that gets drawn away, not Him!"*
10. **Tell your tongue not to be deceived.** (vs. 16-18)  
*"I can count on God to be good to me at all times"*
11. **Tell your tongue to be quiet.** (vs. 19-20)  
*"Be slow to speak, so that my Ears will be able to be swift to Hear, & so that my Flesh will be slow to Wrath".*
12. **Tell your tongue to speak clean words.** (vs. 21)

*"I want my tongue to be clean, because I'm getting ready to use it to speak the Word of God". Use soap on you if necessary.*

It is also good to RECITE (1 John 1:6-9).

*"Thank you God for forgiving me."*

13. **Tell your tongue to change gears.** (vs. 21-27)  
*"Now let's practice what you preach. It's time for my feet to exercise what my tongue has been saying".*

God wants us to give others something that is pure: (vs. 27)

10 Words that Bring Revival to any Relationship!

I was wrong.

I am sorry.

Will you forgive me?