Heroes of the Faith Shared Struggles

Moses: "spoke rashly with his lips"

Psalm 106:32-33

Isaiah: "woe is me... I am a man

of unclean lips" Isaiah 6:5

Job: "I lay my hand on my mouth" Job 40:4

Peter: "I will never fall away"

Matthew 26:33

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How many words in a lifetime? 370,110,001.3 words

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When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.—Proverbs 10:19 ESV

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¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well.

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⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So 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! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness.

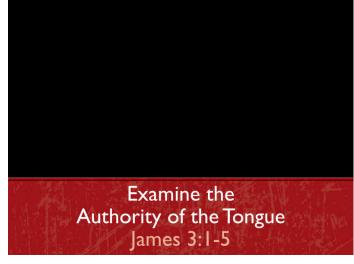
The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.

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loFrom the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.
loes a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? loes a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.—James 3:1-12 ESV

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

—Proverbs 18:21 ESV

Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life; he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.

—Proverbs 13:3 ESV

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Examine the Authority of the Tongue

- The Horse and Bridle
- The Ship and Rudder
- The Spark and Fire

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Expose the Injury of the Tongue James 3:5b-8

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"I am more deadly than the

screaming shell of the howitzer.

I win without killing. I tear down

homes, break hearts and wreck

lives. I travel on the wings of the

wind. No innocence is strong

enough to intimidate me, no purity

is pure enough to daunt me."

Expose the Injury of the Tongue

Flattery

²⁷A worthless man plots evil, and his speech is like a scorching fire.
 ²⁸A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends.
 —Proverbs 16:27-28 ESV

The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them.

—Proverbs 11:3 ESV

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"I have no regard for truth, no respect for justice, no mercy for the defenseless. My victims are as numerous as the sands of the sea, and often as innocent.

I never forget and seldom forgive. My name is GOSSIP."

—Morgan Blake

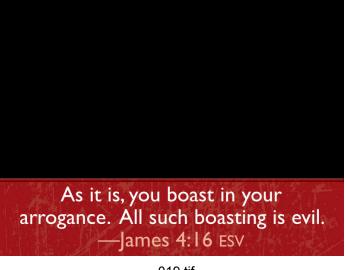
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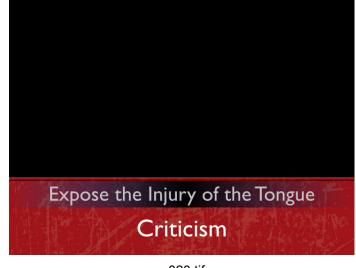
... a flattering mouth works ruin. —Proverbs 26:28b ESV

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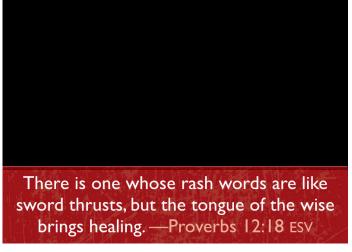
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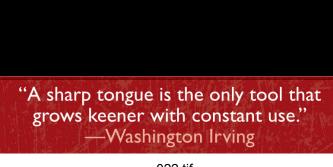
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16There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to Him: ¹⁷haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, ¹⁹a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers. —Proverbs 6:16-19 ESV

Expose the Injury of the Tongue

Profanity

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Exodus 20:7 Ephesians 5:3-7

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Exercise Responsibility For Your Tongue

James 3:10-12

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Exercise Responsibility For Your Tongue

Recognize the Root Problem

⁹...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. —Romans 10:9-10 ESV

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Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips! —Psalm 141:3 ESV

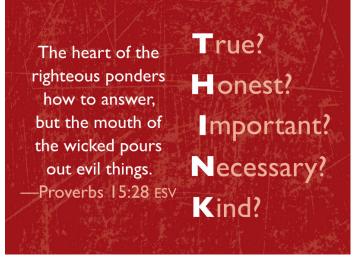
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.

—Psalm 19:14 ESV

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Exercise Responsibility For Your Tongue
Reflect on What You Say

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Exercise Responsibility For Your Tongue
Remember You Must Give an
Account to God

34...out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. 35The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. 36I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, 37for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned." —Matthew 12:34b-37 ESV

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