

Questions to Consider — Lesson 14 — “That Dreaded Chapter : The Tongue! (Part 2)” — James 3:7-12

1. Read James 3, especially noting verses 7-12. What are some reasons given here why God might not accept your praise?
2. Memorize James 3:10.
3. Compare and contrast the ungodly man’s speech with that of our Lord in Psalm 12.
4. Read Exodus 15:20-21 and Numbers 12:1-16. (a) Who is using her mouth to bless God and to curse men? (b) Who was she speaking evil of and why? (c) What happened to her? (d) What principles can you learn for your life in avoiding this awful sin of murmuring?
5. (a) Read the following verses to see what terms are used to describe the tongue. (b) Do any of them describe your speech lately? Psalm 5:9; 10:7; 12:3; 15:2-3; 50:19; 52:2-4; 109:2; 120:2-3; Proverb 6:17; 10:31; 12:19; 17:4; 17:20; 25:23; 28:23.
6. (a) Read Colossian 3:1-17 and Ephesians 4:22-32, noting what our speech was like before our conversion and then after our conversion. (b) Does your speech reflect the old man or the new man according to these passages?
7. (a) What are some ways you think we can use our tongues for good? (b) For evil?
8. Is there anyone that you need to seek forgiveness from for the way you have used your tongue? Perhaps from gossip, hurtful words, slander, or lying? Confess it and determine to put off all evil speaking!
9. We have now studied two lessons regarding our speech. What has the Lord revealed to you in this area, and what change(s) do you need to make? Put your answer in the form of a prayer request.