

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

3. BE FILLED WITH THE _____ EVERY DAY

Ephesians 4:29-30a "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that I may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God..."

Only the Holy Spirit can tame your tongue!

Acts 2:4 "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

Ephesians 5:18b "...Be filled with the Spirit."


4. BE FILLED WITH THE _____ EVERY DAY

Philippians 4:8 (MSG) "Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious- the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse."

WEEK SEVEN ICONNECT GROUPS: This week you will review how to manage your mouth.



WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD!



REAL FAITH

WEEK SEVEN "HOW TO MANAGE THE TONGUE"

THEME SCRIPTURE: JAMES 3:1-12

¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ² We all stumble in many ways. **Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.**

³ When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

⁷ All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by humankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison...

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James 3:1-12 (Continued)

⁹With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹²My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

How many of us are perfect?

"Perfect" in the Greek literally means _____

WHY I MUST WATCH WHAT I SAY:

1. MY TONGUE _____

"The tongue also is a fire.... It sets the whole course of one's life on fire..."

Illustration 1- Horses are controlled by a _____

Illustration 2- Ships are directed by a _____

My tongue is small but it controls the direction of my life.

2. MY TONGUE CAN _____

Illustration 3- A _____ can destroy a forest

Gossip is like a fire. Psalm 26:20 says "Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down."



Illustration 4- Animals can be _____

3. MY TONGUE _____

"With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing.... This should not be."

Illustration 5- A spring can't have _____ & _____ water

Illustration 6- A tree bears same _____

The issue is the _____ which is your _____.

Jesus said "For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks." (Matt. 12:34)

EXAMPLES OF TONGUE & HEART CONNECTION:

A harsh tongue means an _____

A negative tongue means a _____

A filthy tongue means a _____

STEPS TO MANAGING MY MOUTH:

1. GET A _____ HEART

Ezekiel 18:31 "Rid yourself of all the offenses you have committed and get a new heart and a new spirit."

2. ASK GOD FOR _____ HELP EVERY DAY