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• The Tongue Is As Volatile As It Is Vital

• A Sharp Tongue Is The Only Edge Tool That Grows Keener With Constant Use
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- (James 1:19 NIV) My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,

- (James 1:26 NIV) If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless

- (James 2:12 NIV) Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom,
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• (James 3:1-5 NIV) Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. (2) We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his 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.
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• (James 3:6-12 NIV) (6) The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. (7) All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, (8) but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. (9) With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. (10) Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. (11) Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? (12) My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.
The Tongue Has The Power Of Direction:

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• Teachers ---

• 1) Must Be Careful Of What They Say

• 2) Must Practice What They Preach
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• We Need To Allow God To Control Our Tongues

• (Psa 141:3 NIV) Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips. (4) Let not my heart be drawn to what is evil, to take part in wicked deeds with men who are evildoers; let me not eat of their delicacies.

• (Mat 12:34 NIV) You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.

• (Prov 18:21 NIV) The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit
The Tongue Has The Power Of Destruction

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• (Prov 26:20-21 NIV) Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down. (21) As charcoal to embers and as wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife.

• People Who Can't Control Their Tongues Cause Destruction
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• It’s Time To Examine Yourself And Examine Your Words
• We Have To Be Careful Of What We Say Because It May Cause A Fire
• Not Only Does Fire Destroy It Defiles And It Corrupts
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- Our Words Can **Break Hearts, Ruin Reputations**, Can Even **Destroy Souls**.
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- A Person Who Gossips Is The Devil’s Broadcasting Station
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• “Gossip” Means “To Indulge In Idle Talk Or Rumors About Others; Spreading Of Sensational Stories.”

• Gossip Often Masquerades As “Concern” For Others
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• The Gossip Is Not Sincerely Concerned About Solving The Problem -- Only In Talking About It

• A Gossip Thrives On The Negative, The Controversial, And The Sensational

• The Person Who Gossips To You About Others, Also Gossips To Others About You!
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5 Questions To Ask Before Sharing Information:

1. Is It True?
2. Is It Necessary?
3. Is It Beneficial?
4. Do I Have Permission To Share It?
5. Is My Motive Pure?
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3 Ways To Put A Stop To Gossip

1. Can I Quote You On This?”


3. “Have You Talked To [That Person] About This?”
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- Animals Can Be Tamed, But Only God Can Tame The Tongue

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• To Change Your Tongue
  You Must Change Your Heart

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- God Did Not Create An “Undo” Function For The Words We Say

He Did Create The Repentance And Forgiveness Function
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- (Prov 10:11 NIV) The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked.

- (Prov 13:14 NIV) The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death.
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• (1 Pet 3:9 NIV) Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.
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• (Rom 8:17 NIV) Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

• (Gal 4:7 NIV) So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

• (Eph 3:6 NIV) This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.
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