

# Our Tongue

**James 3:8** ESV But no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

**Proverbs 18:21** ESV

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

**Proverbs 21:23** ESV

Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble.

**Matthew 12:36-37** I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

**Proverbs 12:18** ESV

There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

**Ephesians 4:29** ESV

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

**James 1:26** ESV If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.

**Proverbs 15:4** ESV

A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

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

**Psalm 39:1** ESV /

To the choirmaster: to Jeduthun. A Psalm of David. I said, "I will guard my ways, that I may not sin with my tongue; I will guard my mouth with a muzzle, so long as the wicked are in my presence."

**1 Peter 3:10** ESV / 70 helpful votes Helpful Not Helpful

For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit;

**James 3:1-18** ESV / 70 helpful votes Helpful Not Helpful

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For 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. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look 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. So 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! ...

**1 Peter 2:1**

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.

**Luke 6:45** ESV The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

**Proverbs 25:18** ESV / 53 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)  
A man who bears false witness against his neighbor is like a war club, or a sword, or a sharp arrow.

**Matthew 5:33-37** ESV / 44 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)  
“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.

**Proverbs 5:4** ESV / 44 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)  
But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.

**Revelation 21:8** ESV / 38 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)  
But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

**Psalm 91:1-16** ESV / 34 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, ...

**Psalm 12:3-4** ESV / 32 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)

May the Lord cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that makes great boasts, those who say, "With our tongue we will prevail, our lips are with us; who is master over us?"

**1 John 1:9** ESV / 31 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Psalm 23:1-6** ESV / 31 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)

A Psalm of David. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ...

**2 Timothy 3:16** ESV / 30 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

**Proverbs 5:1-23** [ESV](#) / 29 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)

My son, be attentive to my wisdom; incline your ear to my understanding, that you may keep discretion, and your lips may guard knowledge. For the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil, but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps follow the path to Sheol; ...

**Psalms 73:26** [ESV](#) / 28 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

**Isaiah 1:1-31** [ESV](#) / 22 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)

The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the Lord has spoken: "Children have I reared and brought up, but they have rebelled against me. The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's crib, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand." Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, children who deal corruptly! They have forsaken the Lord, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are utterly estranged. Why will you still be struck down? Why will you continue to rebel? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. ...

**Deuteronomy 18:15** [ESV](#) / 22 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)

"The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—

**1 John 1:8-10** ESV / 20 helpful votes Helpful Not Helpful

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**1 Corinthians 14:1-40** ESV / 20 helpful votes Helpful Not Helpful

Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up. ...

**Proverbs 25:15** ESV / 20 helpful votes Helpful Not Helpful

With patience a ruler may be persuaded, and a soft tongue will break a bone.

**Isaiah 3:16-24** [ESV](#) / 16 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)

The Lord said: Because the daughters of Zion are haughty and walk with outstretched necks, glancing wantonly with their eyes, mincing along as they go, tinkling with their feet, therefore the Lord will strike with a scab the heads of the daughters of Zion, and the Lord will lay bare their secret parts. In that day the Lord will take away the finery of the anklets, the headbands, and the crescents; the pendants, the bracelets, and the scarves; the headdresses, the armlets, the sashes, the perfume boxes, and the amulets; ...

**James 3:10** [ESV](#) / 15 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)

From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

**Romans 15:4** [ESV](#) / 15 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

**John 3:18-19** [ESV](#) / 14 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

**John 1:1** [ESV](#) / 14 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**Proverbs 25:11** [ESV](#) / 11 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

**Philippians 2:11** ESV / 10 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**John 3:16** ESV / 10 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**Matthew 12:30** ESV / 8 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)

Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

**Exodus 3:14** ESV / 8 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)

God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

**Psalms 110:1** ESV / 6 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)

A Psalm of David. The Lord says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.”

**Psalms 68:19** ESV / 6 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)

Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Selah

**Isaiah 50:4** ESV / 5 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

**Isaiah 41:10** ESV / 3 helpful votes [Helpful](#) [Not Helpful](#)

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

**Acts 2:38** ESV / 2 helpful votes Helpful Not Helpful

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.