

THE FEAR OF GOD

Psalm 34:11–14 (NKJV) ¹¹ Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. ¹² Who is the man who desires life, And loves many days, that he may see good? ¹³ Keep your tongue from evil, And your lips from speaking deceit. ¹⁴ Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.

SET ON FIRE BY HELL

James 3:5-6 ⁵ In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. ⁶ And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.

GATEKEEPERS OF THE TONGUE

Is it True?
Is it Kind?
Is it Necessary?

DEADLY POISON

James 3:7-8 ⁷ People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, ⁸ but **no** one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison.

GOSSIP

Proverbs 18:8 (NIV84) ⁸ The words of a gossip **are like choice morsels**; they go down to a man's inmost parts.

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KINGDOM ORDER

- 1. Be thankful
- 2. Pray, <u>before</u> you speak
- 3. Speak upward
- 4. Speak with honour
- 5. True, Kind, Necessary?

JUDGEMENT

James 3:1 (NLT) ¹ Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly

GIVE AN ACCOUNT

Matthew 12:36–37 (NLT) ³⁶ And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak. ³⁷ The words you say will either acquit you or condemn you."



