



Series: Faith That Works  
Message: Training the Tongue  
James 3:1–12  
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*The tongue has the power of life and death...*

Proverbs 18:21 NIV

### **Tongue Principles:**

1. Watch your words because you will be judged by them (3:1).
2. Be slow to criticize because we all mess up (3:2).
3. Little words have big consequences (3:3–6).
4. You cannot tame the tongue (3:7, 8).
5. Our only hope is to tame it upstream in the heart (3:9–12).

*May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

Psalms 19:14 NIV

### **Application:**

Twelve words that transform lives:

Please

Thank you

I'm sorry

I love you

I'm praying for you

Warren Wiersbe

## Going Deeper

Take a spiritual test and check the ones you struggle with.

- \_\_\_ Slander (Ephesians 4:31, Titus 2:3, 1 Peter 2:1)  
To utter false charges that damage another's reputation.
- \_\_\_ Gossip (Proverbs 11:13, 20:19, 26:20, 1 Timothy 5:13)  
A person who reveals personal facts about others.
- \_\_\_ Whispering (Psalms 41:7, Job 4:12)  
Spreading confidential and derogatory reports.
- \_\_\_ Babbling (Proverbs 10:8, Job 11:31, 1 Timothy 5:13)  
To say meaningless things excessively.
- \_\_\_ Defaming (Jeremiah 20:10, 1 Corinthians 4:13)  
To harm the reputation of another.
- \_\_\_ Repeating Matters (Proverbs 17:9)  
Revealing secrets.
- \_\_\_ Meddling (Proverbs 26:1)  
To interfere in the matters of others.
- \_\_\_ Listening to Gossip (Proverbs 18:8, 17:4)  
Entertaining the gossip of others.