

Body Parts
Making Sure That We Honor God with All of Us



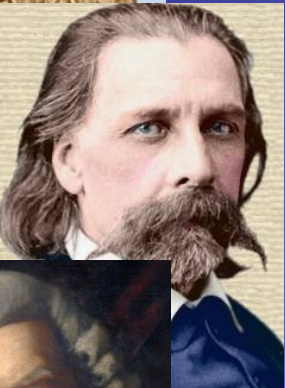
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- *Our Ears*
- *Our Eyes*
- *Our Tongues (part 2)*
- *Our Hands*
- *Our Feet*
- *Our Hearts*



Our Tongues

- How important are our tongues—i.e.; the words that our lips and mouths form?
 - Let's discuss another set of aphorisms—
 - “We have two ears and one tongue so that we would listen more and talk less.” (*Diogenes*)
 - “The best time for you to hold your tongue is the time you feel you *must* say something or *bust*.” (*Josh Billings*)
 - “Never trust your tongue when your heart is bitter.” (*Samuel Johnson*)
 - “A bitter man needs to place his troubles on the front of his tongue so that they taste sweeter.” (*Jay Wickre*)
 - “The tongue is but a small soft flesh, yet it is capable of breaking the strongest bonds and destroying the most powerful of relationships.” (*Yasir Qadhi*)
 - In general, do you agree with these thinkers?
 - If so, then how carefully do you and I actively watch our words—especially in times of conflict—if they're really that powerful?



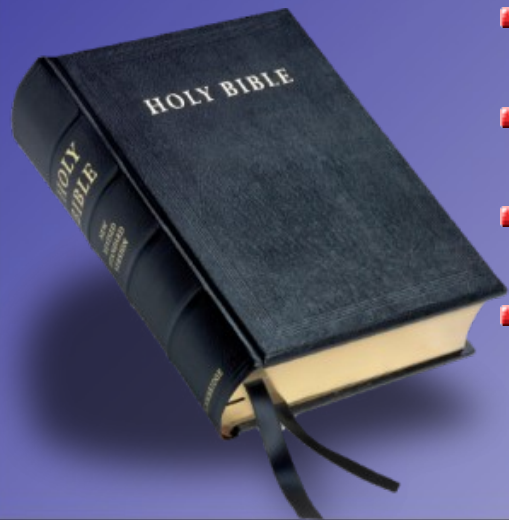
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- Let's look at some Biblical texts on our tongues (and our words)—the good *and* bad
 - Please read Luke 6:43-45 and Matthew 12:35-37
 - Why did this particular teaching hit several of you so strongly last week—and what does it say about the nature of human sin?
 - How does Jesus suggest that the tongue works?
 - How are our tongues—perhaps even more than our eyes—windows into our hearts and souls?
 - How does Jesus create a point/counterpoint into how we use our tongues?
 - Are they only truly powerful in one direction (for the good or for the bad)? How so?
 - If all of this is **I** true, then how should we apply it?



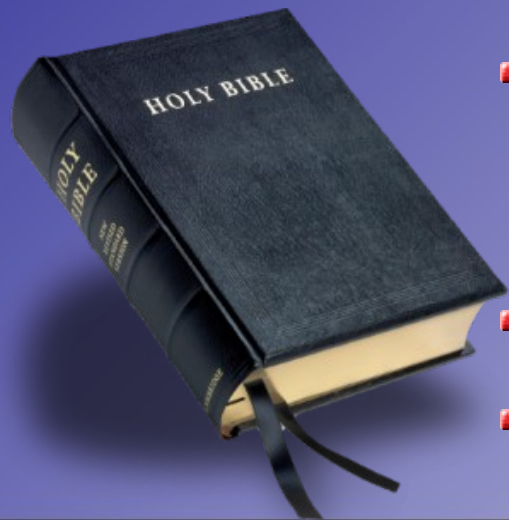
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 - Discuss these couplets from Proverbs 10:11-21—
 - The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked.
 - Wisdom is found on the lips of the discerning, but a rod is for the back of him who lacks judgment.
 - Wise men store up knowledge, but the mouth of a fool invites ruin.
 - He who conceals his hatred has lying lips, and whoever spreads slander is a fool.
 - When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.
 - The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value.
 - The lips of the righteous nourish many, but fools die for lack of judgment.
 - Why use this point/counterpoint format to express these points? What does it accomplish?
 - Do we agree with all of this?
 - Do we live like we agree with all of this?



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 - An evil man is trapped by his sinful talk, but a righteous man escapes trouble.
 - From the fruit of his lips a man is filled with good things as surely as the work of his hands rewards him. The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.
 - A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks an insult.
 - Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.
(NOTE: Proverbs 25:15 provides us a corollary, “Through patience a ruler can be persuaded, and a gentle tongue can break a bone.”)
 - Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.
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 - The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouth of the fool gushes folly.
 - The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.
 - The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so the hearts of fools.
 - Stern discipline awaits him who leaves the path; he who hates correction will die... A mocker *resents* correction; he will not consult the wise.
 - What sorts of emphases do we see here?
 - And again, if you keep being inundated with these point/counterpoint observations, what does it do to your perspective on the tongue?
 - How—*why*—have we *lost* this as a culture?

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