

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



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- *Our Ears*
- *Our Eyes*
- *Our Tongues (part 3)*
- *Our Hands*
- *Our Feet*
- *Our Hearts*



Our Tongues

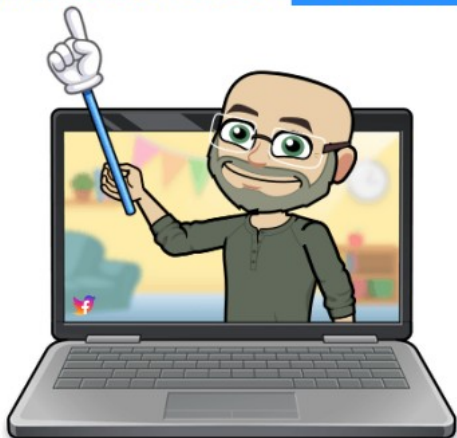
- Let's look at some Biblical texts on our tongues (and our words)—the good *and* bad
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 - In particular, what did we see in teachings such as Luke 6:43-45 and Matthew 12:35-37
 - If this point/counterpoint is **I** true, then how should we apply it?



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 - What did we see in all of those point/counterpoint couplets from Proverbs last week?
 - What does it accomplish in us to hear couplet after couplet, chapter after chapter, about the inherent power of the tongue—both to do great, lasting good or to do great, lasting harm?
 - Do any of the couplets stick with you from last time? Or at least any of the concepts?
 - Do we agree with all of this?
 - Do we always *live* like we agree with all of this?
 - If not, then *how*—and *why*—have we *lost* this as a culture?

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 - And think about Romans 1:29-32
 - The dangers of “gossip” are listed alongside the dangers of “murder” and being “God-haters” and being “senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless”
 - Do we take it that seriously?

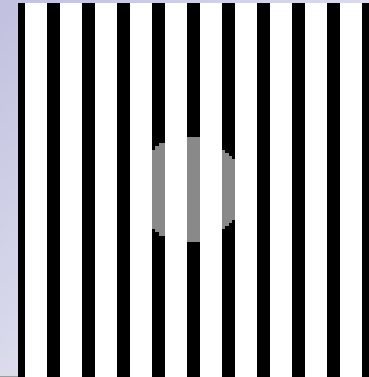
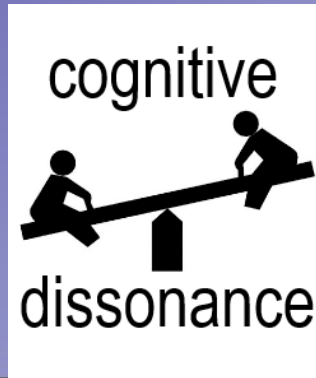


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- Most of us would agree that gossip is a bad thing —it's just that what *I'm* doing isn't *really* gossip... (FLASHBACK: How does that relate to what we've talked about in terms of how your brain processes your perceptions to make them more palatable and manageable?)



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 - Why does it feel so *good* to gossip?
 - Consider these thoughts from Proverbs 18:6-20—
 - A fool's lips bring him strife, and his mouth invites a beating.
 - A fool's mouth is his undoing, and his lips are a snare to his soul.
 - The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man's inmost parts.
 - From the fruit of his mouth a man's stomach is filled; with the harvest from his lips he is satisfied.
 - The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.
 - What sort(s) of commonalities do you see in these?

