



Morning Bible Study
11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, August 16, 2023
Teacher: Pastor Sam Young, Jr.

TOPIC: Diseases of the Tongue – JAMES 3:1-10

Introduction:

The tongue is an unruly member of the human body and the only hope for the tongue is the **SPIRIT OF GOD**. Words are the vehicle through which we communicate our thoughts, and the tongue is the driver. Moving in spiritual maturity requires that we learn to speak the right words, in the right season and for the right reason. Let us look at a few types of tongues.

THE LYING TONGUE – PROVERBS 12:22

Is there something we desire so desperately; materially or immaterial, that we will silence our conscience and speak falsehood to gain it? There is something so crucial to our identity that we must have it at all costs, even the price of a lie. Whatever that something is, it is known as an object of worship, an idol we are willing to lie for.

THE GOSSIPING TONGUE – PROVERBS 18:8, PSALM 19:14

Gossip is an idol, unproductive talk about somebody else's business. In the old King James English, a gossip was called a (Tale Bearer), the one who repeats stories about the affairs of another. A gossip is always one talking about somebody else's business when they are not there. The gossip test is: would I say that if the person was here?

THE KNOW-IT-ALL TONGUE – PROVERBS 12:23

The person who acts as though they know everything and dismisses the opinions, comments, or suggestions of others. This person knows everything! They give unsolicited advice. They think they are always right. They start sentences with you should... Though we might know a lot of things; let's allow our loved ones to know something occasionally.

THE JUDGEMENTAL TONGUE – SAINT MATTHEW 7:1-2

Judging others helps one to feel superior. Tearing other people down is one of the most common ways people prop themselves up. By judging harshly, we compare ourselves to them and feel superior.

THE COMPLAINING TONGUE – PSALM 142:1

Don't complain about things that one is not willing to change. We all do it, whether we admit it or not. However, complaining never makes anything better, it never fixes things up, and it doesn't make one feel better. Sometimes complaining attracts more of that very thing one is complaining about.



THE ARGUMENTATIVE TONGUE – PROVERBS 20:3

Argumentative people enjoy directly resisting anyone whose viewpoint is different from theirs. Argumentative communication is ineffective communication. Some people resort to quarreling so that they can boost their own self-worth. They can only feel good about themselves by attacking the validity of other people's opinions and beliefs. The goal of this type of person is not to add value to someone's life by showing him the error of his ways.

THE MEDDLING TONGUE – FIRST PETER 4:15

"Nosey Posey" is the label that some people use for those individuals who are always prying into or meddling in the affairs of others. Unlike gossipers, meddlers usually seek personal information directly from their subjects, "how much did you pay for that car"? In all fairness, not everyone who makes inquiries is meddling.

THE RUDE TONGUE – SAINT LUKE 6:31

Showing patience is a rare occurrence. Ill-mannered, discourteous communication has become standard practice even among God's children. We can't communicate with others in a respectful manner because we are so self-centered. Some people continue their rudeness because they feel they can get away with it. When you are rude to others, you have made a very selfish and ungodly decision.

THE HASTY TONGUE – PROVERBS 29:20 – JAMES 1:19

A person with a hasty tongue will offend others because they don't engage their brain before shifting their tongue into drive. This type of person will also make a commitment to God or man without giving it much consideration and later renege on it. We can never totally be aware of all the sensitivities of others. Sometimes with our hasty speech we tap into someone's pain, distress, or other negative experience. Time and words are two things that once gone, can never be recovered.

THE DOUBTING TONGUE – SAINT MARK 11:23

If we hope to tame a doubting tongue, we must become familiar with the promises of God. Words of doubt come out of an unbelieving heart. The more we assert our confidence in a positive outcome, the more faith increases. Eliminate contact with individuals who tend to be doubters.

Conclusion: If you have these diseases, they will affect your life, relationships, fellowships, and destinies. These diseases of the tongue lead to foot in the mouth disease. However, the Word of God strategically protects us from ourselves, and The Word helps us to purge our mouths from any remaining viper venom. Remember, "Death and life is in the power of the tongue" (Proverbs 18:21).