

**Sermon Notes - 11/18/2012**  
Proverbs on the Tongue

**Introduction**

James 3:1-12

The “tongue” is the object, but the reference applies to all forms of \_\_\_\_\_

**Communication - 1 Corinthians 14:7-11**

To communicate a message must be encoded, transmitted, received and \_\_\_\_\_.

Miscommunication can occur at \_\_\_\_\_ step - lack clarity, noise, interference, misunderstand

**The Power of the Tongue**

Build up or \_\_\_\_\_ - Proverbs 11:9, 11; 10:14

\_\_\_\_\_ others or self - Proverbs 18:7; 12:16; 25:23; 30:33; 18:6

Speaking \_\_\_\_\_ vs remaining silent - Proverbs 13:3; 10:19; 10:19; 17:27-28

\_\_\_\_\_ or intensify - Proverbs 15:1

Break \_\_\_\_\_ - Proverbs 25:15

\_\_\_\_\_ & death - Proverbs 18:21 - cf. Acts 5, 7

\_\_\_\_\_ or injustice - Proverbs 16:10; 14:25; 16:13

Bring \_\_\_\_\_ - Proverbs 12:18; 16:24

\_\_\_\_\_ from harm - Proverbs 12:6 cf. Acts 23

Make a \_\_\_\_\_ - Proverbs 18:20

**The Proper use of the Tongue**

Giving \_\_\_\_\_ to God - James 3, Romans 14:11

Communicate \_\_\_\_\_ - Proverbs 10:31; 15:2

Appropriate \_\_\_\_\_ and circumstances - Proverbs 15:23; 25:11

Listen and thoughtfully consider \_\_\_\_\_ answering - Proverbs 15:28; 16:23 cf 15:28; 18:13

Speak \_\_\_\_\_ and with kindness - Proverbs 31:26; 8:6-8

Speak \_\_\_\_\_ & judge righteously - Proverbs 12:17; Ephesians 4:15; Proverbs 31:9; 12:19

Speak what is wholesome and \_\_\_\_\_ - Proverbs 10:31-32, Ephesians 4:29

Proper communication brings \_\_\_\_\_ and is valuable - Proverbs 14:3; 13:2; 15:4; 10:20

**Trouble from the Tongue**

An unrighteous heart perverts even what is good into something \_\_\_\_\_ or harmful - Proverbs 26:7, 9

**Gossip** - the spreading of rumor about private matters of others \_\_\_\_\_ their backs

A “\_\_\_\_\_” is secretive and causes destruction even if unintentional - Proverbs 18:8; 26:20-22, 16:28

A “\_\_\_\_\_” trades in personal information and rumor - Proverbs 11:3; 20:19

A “gossip” is \_\_\_\_\_ and will entice or deceive (Proverbs 20:19)

A fool can easily escalate gossip into defaming \_\_\_\_\_ - Proverbs 10:18

In general, if you would not say it to someone’s face, \_\_\_\_\_ say it at all.

If you seek advice to deal with a problem with someone, then \_\_\_\_\_ the problem

If you give advice about dealing with a problem with someone, hold them \_\_\_\_\_ to work it out

**Seduction** - Proverbs 2:16; 6:24; 7:5, 21 & 22:14 all warn to \_\_\_\_\_ the seductress

**Flattery** - is to praise excessively especially from motives of \_\_\_\_\_

Flattery has \_\_\_\_\_ motives and seeks to entrap its prey and destroy - Proverbs 29:5; 26:8

\_\_\_\_\_ protects against flattery - The godly prefer truth and rebuke to flattery - Proverbs 28:23; 27:6

**Deception** disguises the real \_\_\_\_\_ with courtesy and kindness - Proverbs 26:24-25; 12:20; 12:5

Deception is common in marketing, but it is \_\_\_\_\_ which God rejects - Proverbs 14:8; 3:32; 14:2

Offers of pleasure, gifts or an advantage are used to \_\_\_\_\_ or destroy - Prov. 16:29; 1:10-24; 2:12-15

Speak \_\_\_\_\_ & avoid all forms of deception - even cruel humor - Proverbs 4:14; 12:17; 14:28; 26:19

**Lying** is \_\_\_\_\_ and is at the root of gossip, seduction, flattery and deception

Lying is an \_\_\_\_\_ to God - Proverbs 6:17-19; 12:22

Lying may yield short term gains, but in the end it brings \_\_\_\_\_ - Proverbs 21:6; 19:9; 12:19

Lying reveals a person's \_\_\_\_\_ - Proverbs 14:5; 17:4

Lying in the legal system \_\_\_\_\_ justice - Proverbs 19:28; 19:5; 29:26

**Perversion** of truth is what underlies all \_\_\_\_\_ - Genesis 3, Romans 1, 2, 3

Perversion arises from the \_\_\_\_\_ and flows out the mouth - Matthew 15:18-19; Proverbs 11:20

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus Christ is the only thing that can bring about a cleansed heart - & mouth

A \_\_\_\_\_ heart leads to proper communication - Guard your mouth & tongue

\_\_\_\_\_ can guard your mouth and soul and deliver you from those who are evil - Proverbs 21:23; 2:12

## **KIDS CORNER**

**Young Children** - draw a picture about something you hear during the sermon. Explain your picture(s) to your parents at lunch. **Older Children** - Do one or more of the following: 1) Count how many times the word "tongue" is said. 2) Discuss with your parents how to guard your mouth from improper speech

## **THINK ABOUT IT!**

Questions to consider in discussing the sermon with others. What are the necessary steps to successful communication with others? What are some of the reasons communication can be so difficult and unsuccessful? How powerful is the tongue? Explain, give examples. What are proper uses of the tongue? Give examples. Why is it wrong to answer before you have fully heard and understood? What are some of the clues that can help you know the appropriate time and circumstances to speak? How are these related to motivations? What is gossip and what are its various elements? How can you keep from being a gossip? How can you end gossip? What is flattery and why is it wrong? How do you defend yourself against flattery? What is at the heart of deception? How is deception used in marketing? How can you protect yourself against it? How is deception used by the violent? What is lying and what does the Lord think of it? Can lying lead to success - short term? - Long term? Explain. What happens when lying is allowed in the legal system? What is the origin of the perversion of truth? How is the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ a solution to this problem? How much of your communication could fall into categories of gossip, flattery, deceit, lying or perversion of the truth? What needs to change? How will you make those changes? Who will encourage you & hold you accountable to make those changes?