

# Condemned by the Tongue

## Introduction

James 3:2 For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.

1. **James says that we “stumble in many ways.”**
  - A. **It takes a “perfect man” to not stumble in speech.**
2. **This morning we are going to examine some “tongue sins” that man is often guilty of.**

## Tongue Sins

1. **Lying.**
  - A. **Lying is when one deliberately tells something that is not true. Based on God’s Word it is never right to tell a lie.**

Ephesians 4:25 Therefore, **putting away lying**, "LET EACH ONE OF YOU SPEAK TRUTH WITH HIS NEIGHBOR," for we are members of one another.

Revelation 21:8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and **all liars** shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

- B. **Lying and being deceitful is dishonest and hurtful toward others. When we have nothing to hide, there’s never a reason to lie!”**

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## 2. **Gossip.**

- A. Gossip is simply “idle talk” about others. Even if truthful, it still does not need to be said because of the damage that it often causes.**

1 Timothy 5:13 And besides they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not.

- B. Before saying things about others to others, ask yourself:  
Would I want others to say these things to others about me?**

- 1) That will generally be a pretty good gauge if you’re being honest with yourself.**

## 3. **Filthy Language.**

- A. This sin of the tongue is very common, in fact, it is used more often than not in our society today.**

- 1) Foul language used today used to get children’s mouths washed out with soap.**

- B. Most all of our entertainment (movies, TV, music, magazines, internet) is crammed full of filthy, disgusting language today.**

- 1) It has definitely had a negative impact on our society.**

**C. When one identifies themselves as a Christian, then this kind of language is NOT FITTING!**

Colossians 2:8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

Ephesians 4:29 Let **no corrupt word** proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

**4. Using God's Name in Vain.**

**A. Way back, since the giving of the ten commandments, God condemned the vain use of His name.**

Exodus 20:7 "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

Leviticus 24:16 And whoever blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall certainly stone him, the stranger as well as him who is born in the land. When he blasphemes the name of the LORD, he shall be put to death.

**B. Most people don't think anything about using the name "God" or "Jesus" to express their emotions and thoughts to others.**

**1) Such use is a sin and one will be held accountable!**

## 5. **Complaining.**

**A. This particular sin may not be viewed by many people in the same category as lying, gossip, filthy language, and blasphemy — but it is!**

- 1) God's word tells of a time when He destroyed His own people because of their complaining.**
- 2) Paul brought this time to the remembrance of the Corinthian brethren as he warned them:  
(1 Corinthians 10:1-11)**

1 Corinthians 10:10 nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

**B. Among Christians, most would never be heard lying, gossiping, or using bad language — yet there are those who may think nothing about complaining.**

- 1) I think we should all take this to heart and remember that we are told in scripture:**

Philippians 2:14 Do all things without complaining and disputing,

## **Conclusion**

**1. As Christians, we must make sure that we are constantly looking within ourselves to make sure that we are conducting our lives like God wants us to.**

**1) Let us ALWAYS remember the words of Jesus:**

Matthew 12:37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

