

The Tongue

Psalm 16:8-9 I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure.

Lord, I pray you will always be before me, that I will fix my eyes on you, stand on you, experience that you are at my right hand, so my tongue will rejoice and not speak out of fear.

Psalm 34:12-13 Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.

Psalm 37:30-31 The mouth of the righteous man utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just. The law of his God is in his heart; his feet do not slip.

Lord, I pray your law will be in my heart and that my tongue will not slip.

Psalm 51:14-17 Save me from blood guilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Lord, you have saved me from blood guilt. Jesus, you have taken away my condemnation. I pray to parent out of a broken and contrite heart before you and that my mouth will sing your praise and my tongue speak of and in your righteousness.

Psalm 139:4 Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.

How it must grieve you when the wrong words are going to be on my tongue. Lord, I pray you will show me those words, that I may swallow them before they pass my lips. And may the words on my tongue come to more truly reflect You who are in me.

Proverbs 10:11 The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked.

O God, I pray my mouth will be a fountain of your life for my children, my husband, my parents, all those you put in my life. I pray violence will not overwhelm my mouth, but that my lips may be nourishing.

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Proverbs 10:17- 21 He who heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray. 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.

Proverbs 11:12 A man who lacks judgment derides his neighbor, but a man of understanding holds his tongue.

Dear God, show us the difference between deriding and disciplining our children.

Proverbs 12:18 Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

May my words bring healing and not wounds. It is encouraging to see that you can use our tongues to heal wounds (even those we may have inflicted). Please use me for that, Lord!

Proverbs 21:23 He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity.

Proverbs 31:26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

May I speak with wisdom and faithfully instruct!

James 1:26 If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

James 3:3-12 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Lord Jesus, by offering yourself as our sacrifice, you rescued us from hell and set us free from the law of sin and death. Please control my tongue, set it free from the control of hell, and steer me, and my family, in your way.