



**TAMING**

**THE TONGUE**

**JAMES 3:1-12**



# The Power of the Tongue

- **Life and Death**

Prov. 18:21; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam. 1:15; 1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 26:9

- **Persuasiveness**

Proverbs 16:21, 23

- **May Invalidate Our Faith**

James 1:26



# Things That Tear Down

- **Talebearing [Gossip]**

**Proverbs 26:20-22; 11:13; 20:19**

- **Slander**

**Proverbs 10:18; Luke 11:53, 54**

- **Whispering/Backbiting**

**Proverbs 16:28; 25:23**



# Things That Tear Down

- **Flattery**

**Proverbs 26:28**

- **Lying**

**John 8:44; Proverbs 6:17; Colossians 3:9**

- **In Summation: Avoid These!**



# Things That Build Up

- **Words to God**

- *Confession*

Luke 12:8, 9; Romans 10:9, 10

- *Blessing & Praise*

Psalm 145:1, 2; 51:14, 15



# Things That Build Up

- **Words to Others**
- ***Pleasant Words***

**Proverbs 16:24; 15:4**

- ***Gentle Words***

**Proverbs 15:1**



# Motivations to Control

- **Love**

John 3:16; 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:11; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 8:1

- **Humility**

T-H-I-N-K; Romans 12:9-10, 16; 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:21-23

- **Salvation**

Psalm 39:1; Matthew 12:34-37; Proverbs 21:23

**He who guards his mouth  
preserves his life,  
But he who opens wide his lips  
shall have destruction.**

**Proverbs 13:3**