TONGUE TROUBLES

(James 3:1-11)

INTRODUCTION

(Proverbs 21:23) "Whoso keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps his soul from troubles"

(Prov. 13:3) "He that keeps his mouth keeps his life: but he that opens wide his lips shall have destruction"

- 1. TAKING GOD'S NAME IN VAIN (Ex. 20:7; Psalm 111:9; Matt. 6:9)
- 2. CURSING / PROFANITY (James 3:10; Lev. 24:13-14)
- 3. FLATTERY (Psalm 12:2-3)

It is good to compliment, but flattery gets us into trouble. (Proverbs 26:28, 29:5, 28:10; 1 Thess. 2:3-5)

4. EVIL SPEAKING - (Ephesians 4:31)

"Evil speaking" - morally bad or wrong; wicked; devilish. (James 4:11; 1 Peter 2:1)

5. LYING / DECEIT

(Exodus 20:16; Proverbs 6:16-19, 19:1, 12:22)
We are asked in court to: "tell the truth, whole truth, nothing but the truth"

6. TALEBEARING / GOSSIP - (Leviticus 19:16)

What's so wrong with telling a tale? (Proverbs 26:20, 11:13, 16:27, 17:9, 18:8) A lot of people seem to have Rumor-tism.

- 7. REVILING (1 Cor. 4:12-13; 1 Peter 2:22-23)
- 8. WHISPERING it's in the list in (Romans 1:29), and (v31) "worthy of death"
- 9. BACK-BITING (Psalm 15:1-3; Galatians 5:15)
- 10. IDLE WORDS (Matthew 12:36-37) defined in (1 Timothy 1:3-7, 6:3-5)
- 11. FILTHINESS / FOOLISH TALKING / JESTING (Ephesians 5:3-4)
- 12. OATH-TAKING (Matthew 5:37)