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1.

"SLOW TO SPEAK"

(James 1:19)

INTRODUCTION

"Slow to speak" - be slow to begin speaking; bite your tongue; zip your lips.

A major theme in the book: (1:19, v28; 2:12-13; 3:1-12; 4:11-12; 5:9)

(Proverbs 13:3) "He who guards his mouth preserves his life,, but he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction." (Proverbs 10:19) "... he who restrains his lips is wise"

TROUBLES TIED TO THE TONGUE:

(Proverbs 21:23) "Whoever guards his mouth and tongue, keeps his soul from trouble"

1. TAKING GOD'S NAME IN VAIN

(Exodus 20:7) "shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain"

(Psalm 111:9) (KJV) "... holy and reverend is His name"

(Matthew 6:9) "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name"

2. CURSING / PROFANITY

(James 3:8-10) "... out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing.  
My brethren, these things ought not to be"

(Proverbs 10:7) "His mouth is full of cursing ... under his tongue is trouble and iniquity"

3. FLATTERY

(Psalm 12:2-3) "They speak idly ... with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.  
May the Lord cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaks proud things"

(Proverbs 26:28) "... and a flattering mouth works ruin"

(1 Thessalonians 2:3-6) (v5) "For neither at any time did we use flattering words"

4. EVIL SPEAKING

(James 4:11) "Do not speak evil of one another, brethren"

(Proverbs 4:24 and 8:13) "deceitful mouth ... perverse lips ... the evil way"

(Psalm 34:13-14) "Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit"

(Ephesians 4:31) "Let all ... and evil speaking be put away from you"

(1 Peter 2:1) "Therefore, laying aside all ... and all evil speaking"

5. LYING / FALSE WITNESS

(Exodus 20:16) "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor"

(Proverbs 6:16-19) "a lying tongue ... a false witness who speak lies"

(Ephesians 4:25) "Therefore, putting away lying"

(Revelation 21:8) "... and all liars ..."



**6. TALE-BEARING / GOSSIP / WHISPERER**

(Proverbs 26:20) "Where there is no wood, the fire goes out;  
and where there is no talebearer, strife ceases"  
(Proverbs 11:13) "A talebearer reveals secrets" (Prov. 17:9) "separates friends"  
(Prov. 16:27) "digs up evil" and (v28) "a whisperer separates best of friends"  
(Romans 1:28-31) "to do those things which are not fitting ... they are whisperers,  
back-biters ... boasters ... unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful"

**7. BACK-BITER**

(Romans 1:30) "back-biters" (2 Corinthians 12:20) "backbiting, whispering"  
(Galatians 5:14-15) "if you bite and devour one another, beware ... "

**8. HARSH CRITICISM / JUDGE**

(Matthew 7:1-5) "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge,  
you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you"  
It's a reciprocal judgment! Jesus adds a visual: "beam" and "mote"  
It's the "Golden Rule" - (Matthew 7:12) "whatever you want men to do to you ... "  
(James 2:13) "Judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy"

**9. "IDLE WORD"**

(Matthew 12:35-37) "... but I say to you that for every idle word men may speak,  
they will give account of it in the day of judgment ... "  
"Idle word" - words that betray your discipleship and confession.

**10. FILTHY SPEECH / COARSE JESTING / CORRUPT WORD**

"Filthy language" - vulgar; irreverent talk; gross; obscene.  
(Colossians 3:8; Ephesians 5:3-4)  
"Coarse jesting" - lacking in social grace; rude; crude; indiscreet.  
(Ephesians 4:29) "Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth"

**11. FALSE TEACHING** - (Titus 1:10-11)

**12. BLASPHEMY** - sacrilegious; to defame God; contempt toward God; deny God.

(Colossians 3:8; Leviticus 24:10-16)

**13. FRIVOLOUS OATH-TAKING**

(Leviticus 19:12; Deuteronomy 23:21-23; Ecclesiastes 5:2, v4-5; Matthew 5:33-37)

**CLOSE:** (Proverbs 17:27-28; Proverbs 21:23; Psalm 141:3)

(Psalm 19:14) "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer."

