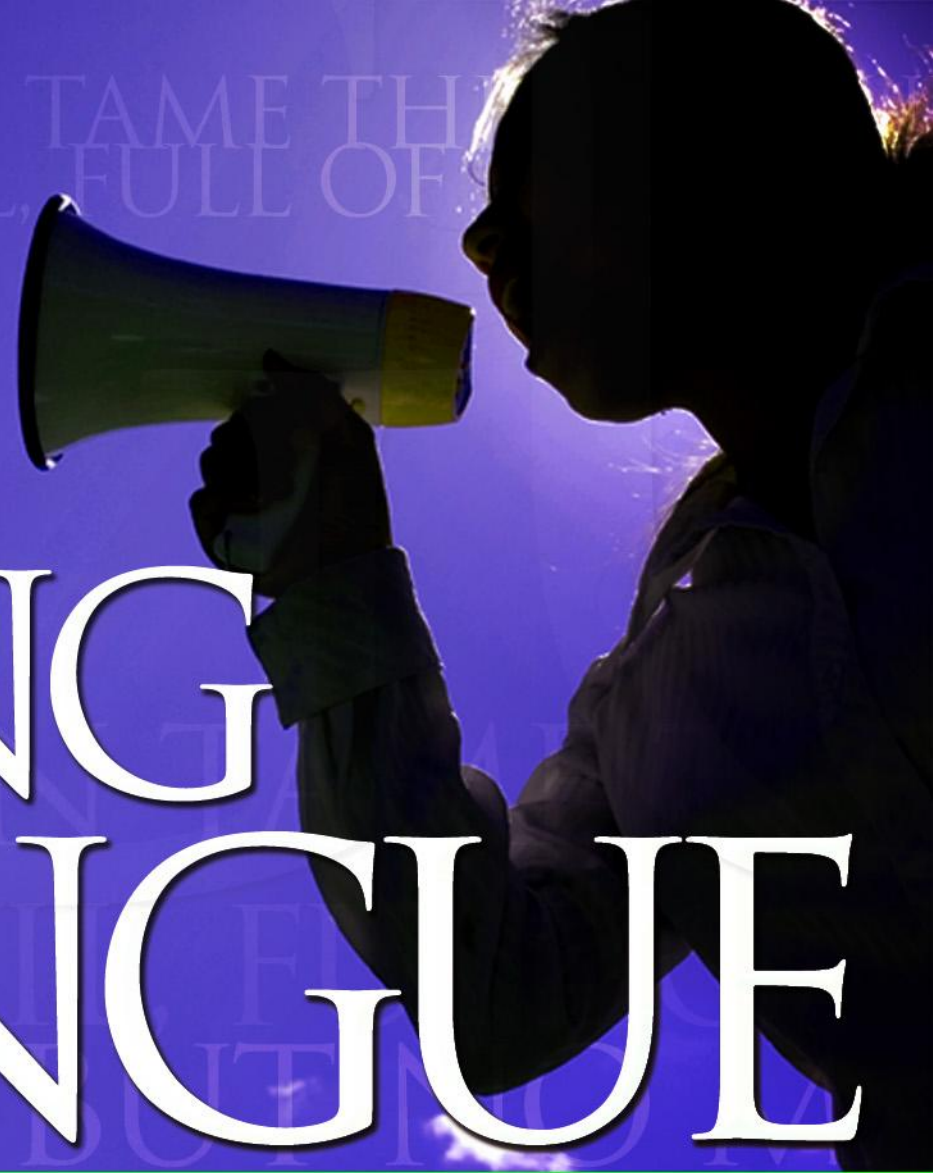


8. BUT NO MAN CAN TAME THE TONGUE
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“But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.”

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Proverbs 12:18

“There is one who speaks like the **piercings of a sword**, but the tongue of the wise **promotes healing** (health).”

Sins of the Tongue

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- **THESIS:**

Characteristics of Words.

3 Unacceptable Words.

3 Accceptable Words!

Characteristics of Words

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- **DEF:** “Verbal signals which express an idea.”

- **COMMON:**

- Ave person 175 – 200 wpm.

- Prov 10:19 “In the multitude of words transgression abounds!”

Characteristics of Words

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- **REVEALING** (Matt 12:34-35).

– “Out of the **abundance of the heart** the mouth speaks.”

- **CONDEMNING** (II Cor 5:10).

– Matt 12:37 “By our words we will be justified, by our words we will be condemned.”

Three Unacceptable Words

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- **IDLE WORDS** (Matt 12:36).
 - Def: “Words spoken without any consideration for their soundness; without any thought to the effect, it might have on others.”

Three Unacceptable Words

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- **IDLE WORDS** (Matt 12:36).

- Root cause = “Thoughtlessness” (Phil 2:21).

- “You shall **not take the name of the Lord your God in vain**, for the Lord will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain” (Ex 20:7)

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Three Unacceptable Words

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EVIL SPEAKING (Eph 4:31, 29).

–Def: “Words that *tend to harm.*”

–Careful: May be **true!**

–Matt 18:15 “Go show him his fault between thee and him alone.”

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- John 7:24
“Judge *not according to appearance*.”



Things are not always as they appear

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EVIL SPEAKING (Eph 4:31, 29).

–Sadly, human nature wants to believe the worst!

–Prov 11:13 “A **talebearer reveals secrets.**”

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EVIL SPEAKING (Eph 4:31, 29).

- Source of *discord & strife* (Prov 6:19).
- Peace maker or destroyer?
- “As coals to hot embers, and wood to fire, so is a **contentious man to inflame strife**. Where there is no wood the fire goes out” (Prov 26:20ff).

These Three Gates

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- How do I know what I can say?
 - Gate one: *Is it true?*
 - Gate two: *Is it needful?*
 - Gate three: *Is it kind?*

Not saying don't
make judgments!

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FAULT FINDING – (Matt 7:1-5).

– Paul: “He that is spiritual **judges all things**” (II Cor 2:15).

– Jesus: “**Judge righteous judgment**” (Jn 7:24).

– Matt 7:6 “Don't cast your pearls before swine...”

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FAULT FINDING – (Matt 7:1-5).

– Def: “***Harsh, caustic, vindictive, criticism.***”

– Why? Two Reasons:

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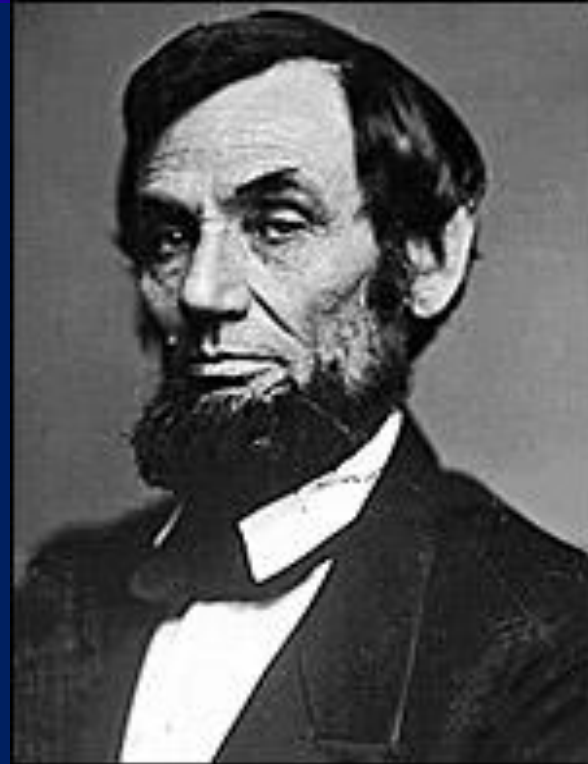
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Abe Lincoln

Fault Finding

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- Putting others down = **false sense of security.**
 - Jas 5:13 “Confess **your faults.**”
 - I John 1:7 “If we confess **our sins.**”
 - Lk 18:9-14 **Pharisee and Publican.**
 - Which one was justified (vs 14)?

Fault Finding

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- **TEST: What are you looking for? (Mt 7:7)**
- **ASK YOURSELF: Are you a builder or a wrecker?**

3 Acceptable Words

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Encouraging Words –

– Job 4:4 “Your words have kept men on their feet, and made firm the feeble knees.”

Confessing the name of Jesus!

– Acts 8:37 ‘And he answered and said I believe that Jesus is the Christ the son of the living God.”

3 Acceptable Words

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CONFESSING OUR SINS!

- God cannot forgive the sin we will not confess!
- Confess and bring glory to God (Josh 7:19)!