

HOW TO TAME YOUR TONGUE

James 3:6 And the tongue is a fire, the [very] world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of [our] life, and is set on fire by hell. (NASB)

1. DEDICATE OUR HEARTS AND TONGUES TO THE LORD.

Psalm 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Thy sight, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer. (NASB)

2. PUT OUR HEARTS IN TUNE WITH GOD'S SPIRIT BY READING HIS WORD DAILY.

Psalm 119:11 Thy word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against Thee. (NASB)

3. ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVERY WORD WE SPEAK.

Matthew 12:36 "And I say to you, that every careless word that men shall speak, they shall render account for it in the day of judgment. (NASB)

4. ASK THOSE AROUND US WHICH WORDS WE USE THAT ARE OFFENSIVE.

Proverbs 22:17 Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, And apply your mind to my knowledge; (NASB)

5. COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE PURPOSE OF GIVING A GOOD REPORT AND, WHEN IT IS NECESSARY FOLLOWING MATTHEW 18.

Matthew 18:15 "And if your brother sins, go and reprove him in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. (NASB)

6. FULFILL PAST PROMISES AND THINK CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING ANY NEW PROMISES.

Psalm 15:4 In whose eyes a reprobate is despised, But who honors those who fear the LORD; He swears to his own hurt, and does not change; (NASB)

7. ASK FORGIVENESS FOR ANY UNLOVING WORDS OR ATTITUDES.

James 3:2 For we all stumble in many [ways.] If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well. (NASB)

8. LEARN HOW TO GIVE WORDS THAT WILL ENCOURAGE, COMFORT, INSPIRE, AND EDIFY.

Colossians 4:6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned, [as it were,] with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person. (NASB)