

**SPIRIT EMPOWERED LANGUAGE
- NO LYING**

MATTHEW 12: 33-37

JAMES 3: 2-12

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FAKE NEWS!

- = “Deliberate, misleading misinformation
- Undermining reputation and credibility
- Falsehood at the expense of truth

LYING!

“The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are truthful” Proverbs 12.22

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Our Speech & Communication Matter!

- God has spoken to us
- “He chose to give us new birth through the **WORD of TRUTH**”
- We are accountable for how we speak

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1)The tongue – life’s guide & influencer (v. 3-5a)

- **Steering = Control**
- **Inward. Christian self constraint and control. A Fruit of the Spirit.**
- **External. A guide to our lives and personalities.**

“Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.” Psalm 34: 12-14.

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2) Tongue's potential for devastation (v. 5b-8)

- **Verbal Arson!**

Another another way!

- **“He who guards his mouth/tongue keeps himself from calamity.” Proverbs 21:23**

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3) The Tongue – mirrors our personality (v. 9-12)

- **“A double-minded man – unstable in all he does.” 1:8.**
- **Inconsistency!**
- **“Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.” Matthew 12:34.**
- **“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” Psalm 51: 10.**

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What can we do about it?

- **Three-fold test. True? Good? Useful?**
- **“Speak the truth in love.” Eph. 4:15.**
- **Follow the Lord’s example.....**

“All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips.”

Luke 4: 22.