

## **Your Words Reveal Your Spiritual Condition | James 3:1–12**

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**Summary:** Your words reveal your spiritual condition. Those who have been given spiritual life by God (James 1:18) are to be slow to speak (James 1:19). Pure and undefiled religion involves controlling the tongue (James 1:26-27). Just as good works are evidence of true faith (James 2:14-26), good words are evidence of a transformed heart. Your words reveal your spiritual condition.

1. **Words should be few, so avoid teaching if at all possible.** (James 3: 1-2; Timothy 4:16)
2. **Words are powerful.** (James 3:3-5; Proverbs 18:21)
3. **Words are destructive.** (James 3:6; Matthew 12:34-27, 15:11-19)
4. **Words are uncontrollable.** (James 3:7-8)
5. **Words reveal our spiritual condition.** (James 3:9-12; Matthew 12:33-37)

### **Application:**

- **Thankfulness.** (Colossians 3:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; Ephesians 5:20; Romans 1:21)
- **Truthfulness.** (Ephesians 4:25; John 8:44)
- **No grumbling, partiality, and lying.** (Jude 1:16; Colossians 3:9; Philippians 2:14-15; Colossians 4:6)