

The Tongue Of The Righteous Wed 8/2/17

James 3:1-12 (NKJV)

3 My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he *is* a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

3 Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body.

4 Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires.

5 Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles!

6 And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.

7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind.

8 But no man can tame the tongue. *It is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

9 With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God.

10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.

11 Does a spring send forth fresh *water* and bitter from the same opening?

12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.

1 Peter 3:10 (NKJV)

10 For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit.

Colossians 4:6 (NKJV)

6 Let your speech always *be* with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

Ephesians 4:29 (NKJV)

29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

Proverbs 10:19 (NKJV)

19 In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips *is* wise.

Proverbs 15:4 (NKJV)

4 A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life, But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

Matthew 15:11 (NKJV)

11 Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man."

Proverbs 21:23 (NKJV)

23 Whoever guards his mouth and tongue Keeps his soul from troubles.

Psalms 141:3 (NKJV)

3 Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.

Proverbs 18:20-21 (NKJV)

20 A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth; *From* the produce of his lips he shall be filled.

21 Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

Psalm 19:14 (NKJV)

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.

Proverbs 31:9 (NKJV)

⁹ Open your mouth, judge righteously, And plead the cause of the poor and needy.

Proverbs 16:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ Pleasant words *are like* a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.