



# “Taming Your Tongue” part 2 Oct 1, 2023

Foundation Scripture: **James 3:3-10**

## I. **Ephesians 4:29**

### A. Identifying Corrupt Communication

1. **Corrupt – Rotten, Worthless, or Bad**
2. **Communication – Something said; utterance or word (It includes any reasoning, topic, or account).**

### B. What your words should look like...

1. **Are my words edifying (building up with purpose and structure)?**
2. **Are my words ministering (giving), instead of taking away?**
3. **Are my words full of Grace (Favor and Acceptance)?**

### C. Remember the Goal:

1. **Goal #1: “Every word that I speak to be pleasing to God.”**
2. **Goal #2: “Every word that I speak to make a difference.”**  
**\*\* I Samuel 3:19\*\***

## II. Eliminating Idle Words

### A. **Matthew 12:33-37**

1. **Idle – Inactive, unemployed, lazy, barren, useless**
2. What words are you saying that have no purpose in them?
  - Curse Words
  - Phrases that have been adopted by society.
  - Phrases that you have no desire of coming to pass in our life (“Crap happens”, “It is what it is”).
3. Remember, you are either a thermostat or thermometer!

### B. More than just positive speaking...

1. It’s creative speaking...
  - Your words have the power to move mountains, part seas, heal the sick, cast out demons, raise the dead, etc.
  - Starting today, you will learn that every word you speak has authoritative power; with your words, you can create an atmosphere of health, wealth, and peace. With your words, you can change what you see. With your words, you can live the abundant life...the life that Jesus promised...this is the way you want to be! (*Your words either work for you or against you*).
2. **Matthew 8:16** “Jesus cast out the spirits with His Word.”

### C. Every word you speak is a seed...

1. If it doesn’t have purpose, if it doesn’t glorify God....dig it up!
2. How do I dig up bad words? **1.) Repent for saying them, 2.) Call them null and void of power, 3.) Replace them with Faith-filled words.**