

# Train your Tongue to be Godly

## Key Verses

**“Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. You brood of vipers how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.”**

**- Matthew 12:33-35**

### Discovery Questions:

1. Who is saying these words to whom? Why he is saying these words to them?
2. Where is the place either good or bad stored up? What is it called? How to store up good there?
3. what is the correlation between heart and mouth? How to train your tongue? What are the effective ways you think of training your tongue?
4. what is the Scripture has to say in training and equipping your heart and tongue to produce good fruit? What do you grasp in this regard?

**Matthew 12:36-37, Numbers 12:1-15, Luke 9:55; Malachi 3:16  
Proverbs 6:16-19, 13:3, 15:1, 17:9, 29:20 James 5:9; I Peter 4:8;**

1. What did Jesus mean when he said we would give an account for every careless word at the judgment?(Luke 12:36-37)
2. Have you ever realized how many of your grumbling, negative, or critical words are recorded in heaven? Have you asked God’s forgiveness for them? (Numbers 12:1-15)
3. Are you disciplining yourself not to grumble or complain again about what God permits to occur in your life?
4. What are the responsible factors for grumbling among brothers? What is the instruction of the Scriptures in this regard?(James 5:9)
5. What does the Scripture say about guarding the lips? And what will be the destiny of the people who speak rashly?(Pro 13:3)
6. What are the effects of a gentle word and a harsh word?(Pro 15:1)
7. What to do to separate even the close friends? (Pro 17:9)
8. What does Scripture say about a man who speak in haste?(Pro 29:20)
9. What are the things that God hates and detestable to Him?(Pro 16:16-19)
10. what kind of damage is caused by the reckless words?
11. What kind of fruit is brought by a deceitful tongue?

**Proverbs 12:18, 15:4, 15:13, 16:21, 24; 22:11, 25:11**  
**Ephesians 5:6 I Corinthians 3:11-15 Malachi 3:16-18**

1. “The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life” what does it mean? (Proverbs 15:4) Would you quote any suitable example from the Bible?
2. What does the Scripture say about pleasant words?(Proverbs 16:21-24)
3. What kind of people will have a king as their friend?(Proverbs 22:11)
4. What is an aptly spoken word? (Proverbs 25:11) Would you site an example from Bible?
5. What are the ‘empty words’? what is the instruction given in the Scriptures regarding the empty words? (Ephesians 5:4-6) Give example?
6. What is the foundation on which one should build? What are the gold, silver, costly stone, wood, hay or straw are compared to? (I Corinthians 3:11-15) would you give examples from the Scriptures?
7. Are you watching and measuring your words? God is constantly watching and measuring your life by your words. God is word-conscious. Are you? (Malachi 3:16-18)

**Questions for Self-evaluation:**

1. How many times does the Spirit prompt you to speak to some one, or guide you in speaking words of blessing?
2. What percent of your words are caring, helpful and encouraging to others?
3. What percentage of your comments about other people are positive and appreciative rather than negative?
4. What percentage of your conversations are cheerful, full of faith and hope inspiring rather than gloomy, fearful, and hesitant?
5. Into what percentage of your longer conversations do you bring a reference to Jesus, God’s goodness, or Scripture?
6. Do your conversations reveal you to be gracious and sociable or silent and withdrawing?
7. Do they reveal you to be a warm person who constantly dispenses blessings or a severe and morose person who scatters gloom?
8. Are you a quite and cheerful person or a loud boisterous person?
9. Are you a good listener or an excessive talker?
10. Are you able to maintain confidences or are you a frequent gossip and self –centered?
11. Are you a promoter of unity or a divisive person?
12. What percent of your conversations is constructive and edifying?