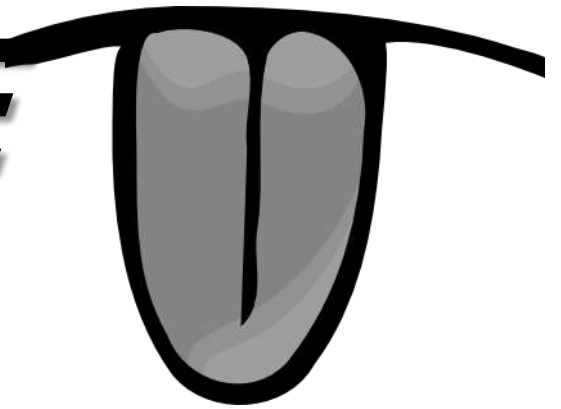


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**James 3:1-12**



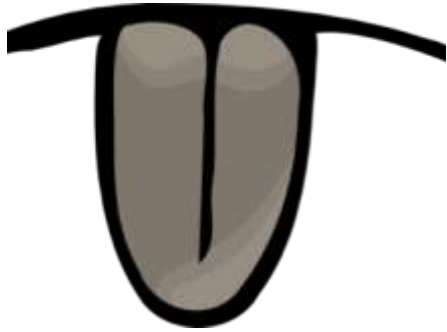
"I have often regretted my speech, never my silence." *Publius*, a Greek sage.

"By examining the tongue of a patient, physicians find out the diseases of the body and philosophers the diseases of the mind." *Unknown*.

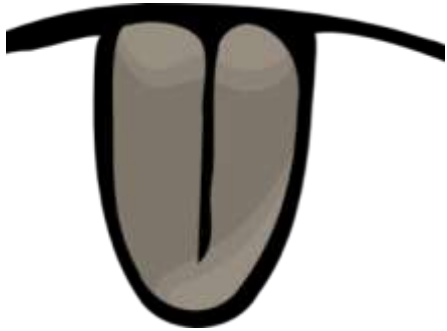
**Power** of the tongue

**Problem** with the tongue

**Possession** over the tongue



# **Power** of the tongue



## James 3:2

“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.”

## James 3:3-5

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

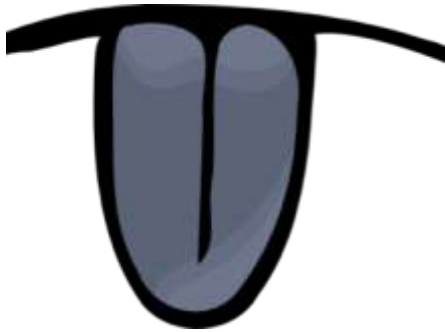
Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires.

Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things.

See how great a forest a little fire kindles!”

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## **James 3:6-8 (GNB)**

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**We humans are able to tame and have tamed all other creatures—wild animals and birds, reptiles and fish.**

**But no one has ever been able to tame the tongue. It is evil and uncontrollable, full of deadly poison.”**



## **Matt 15:11**

**“Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.”**

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## **James 3:9 (GNB)**

**“We use it to give thanks  
to our Lord and Father  
and also to curse other people,  
who are created in the likeness of God.”**

***“You are useless”***

***“You are hopeless”***

***“You are stupid, and ugly”***

***“I wish you would drop dead right now”***

***“Go to hell!!”***

## Matt 5:22

“But now I tell you:

if you are angry with your brother you will be brought to trial,

if you call your brother ‘You good-for-nothing!’ you will be brought before the Council,

and if you call your brother a worthless fool you will be **in danger of going to the fire of hell.**”

## James 3:10-12

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

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

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

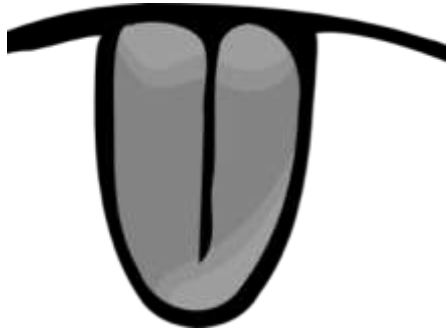
**Matt 12:34**

**“For out of the overflow  
of the heart  
the mouth speaks.”**

**Power** of the tongue

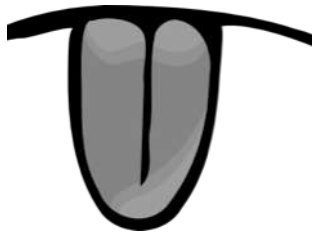
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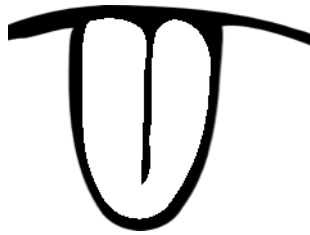




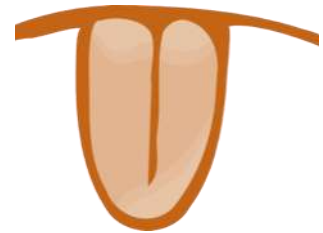
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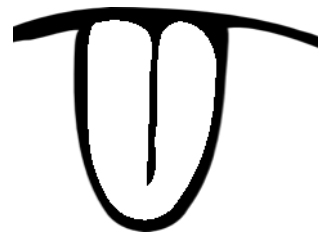


**Train**



## Gal 5:22-23

“But the fruit of the Spirit is  
love, joy, peace,  
longsuffering, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control”



# ***LORD OF THE TONGUE***

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