



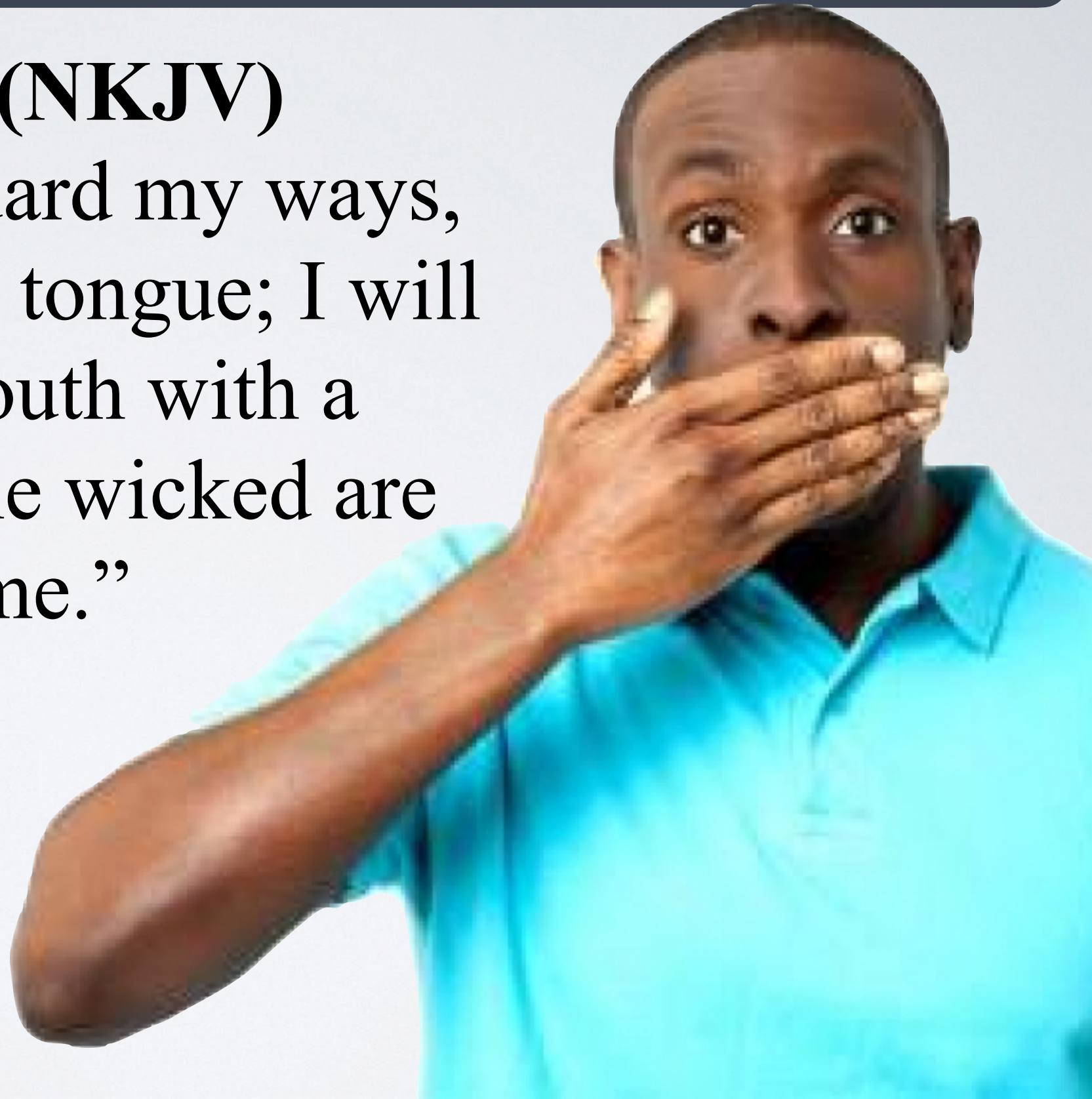
WATCH YOUR MOUTH

Matthew 12:33-37 (NKJV)
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Psalm 39:1 (NKJV)

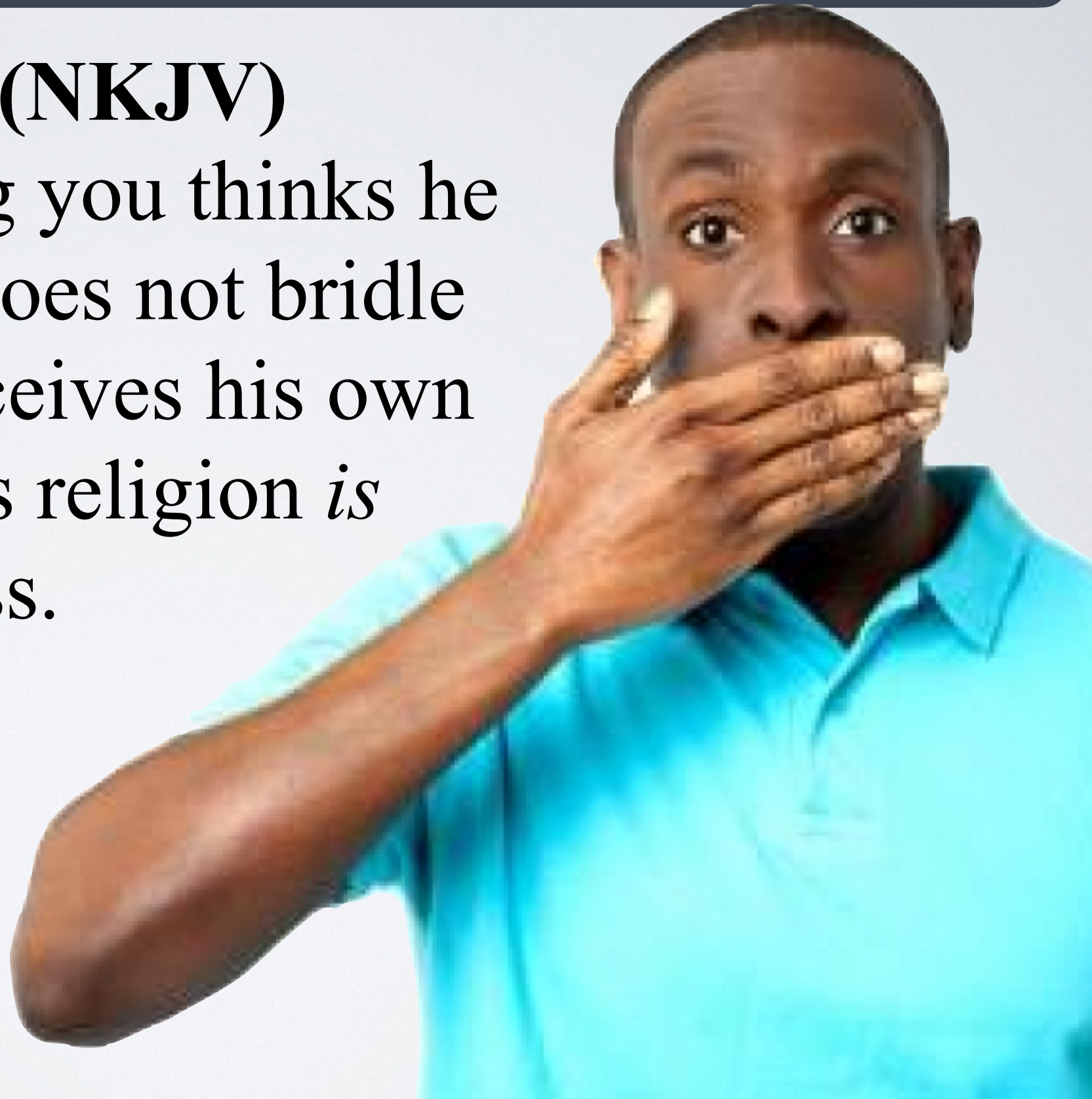
¹ I said, “I will guard my ways,
Lest I sin with my tongue; I will
restrain my mouth with a
muzzle, While the wicked are
before me.”



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James 1:26 (NKJV)

²⁶ If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion *is* useless.





WATCH YOUR MOUTH

Your Tongue Is Powerful!

Your Tongue Is Dangerous!

**Your Tongue Can Be Used To
Sin & Harm Others!**

**Your Tongue Can Be
Controlled & Used For Good!**

WATCH YOUR MOUTH

**Tremendous Power For Good & Evil
(Proverbs 15:1-7; Jam. 3:1-6)**

Proverbs 15:1–7 (NKJV)

¹ A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger. ² The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness. ³ The eyes of the Lord *are* in every place, Keeping watch on the evil and the good. ⁴ A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life, But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.



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Proverbs 15:1–7 (NKJV)

⁵ A fool despises his father's instruction, But he who receives correction is prudent. ⁶ *In* the house of the righteous *there is* much treasure, But in the revenue of the wicked is trouble. ⁷ The lips of the wise disperse knowledge, But the heart of the fool *does not do* so.



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**Tremendous Power For Good & Evil
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James 3:1–2 (NKJV)

¹ 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.



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**Tremendous Power For Good & Evil
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■ **“let not many of you become teachers”**

- ▶ An IMPORTANT & NECESSARY function (Acts 13:1; Eph. 4:11; 1 Cor. 12:28; 1 Peter 3:15)
- ▶ A great RESPONSIBILITY & comes with great ACCOUNTABILITY (Acts 20:25-28; 1 Timothy 1:7)
- ▶ Requires great self-control, thus a spiritual, purified heart (Mat 12:35)



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**Tremendous Power For Good & Evil
(Proverbs 15:1-7; Jam. 3:1-6)**

James 3:3–5 (NKJV)

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!



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(Proverbs 15:1-7; Jam. 3:1-6)**

■ **The tongue is small but ...**

- ▶ Like a small bit or rudder ...
- ▶ Like a small fire that can spread out of control and destroy much
- ▶ Can defile and destroy us and our relationships,
- ▶ Can destroy the reputations and lives of others, as well as their souls.
- ▶ Can destroy homes, churches, communities & nations ...



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James 3:6 (NKJV)

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.



WATCH YOUR MOUTH

**Is Never Fully Tamed
(James 3:7-8)**

James 3:7–8 (NKJV)

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.*



WATCH YOUR MOUTH

Is Never Fully Tamed (James 3:7-8)

■ **Must be CONSTANTLY guarded**

- ▶ Proverbs 10:19 "he who restrains his lips *is* wise"
- ▶ Ps 141:3 "Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.
- ▶ Psa. 34:13 "Keep your tongue from evil, And your lips from speaking deceit"



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Is Never Fully Tamed (James 3:7-8)

■ **Must be CONSTANTLY guarded**

- ▶ Ep 4:29 “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.”
- ▶ Co 4:6 ⁶ *Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.*



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**THESE THINGS OUGHT NOT TO BE SO
(James 3:9-12)**

James 3:9–12 (NKJV)

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.



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THESE THINGS OUGHT NOT TO BE SO
(James 3:9-12)

A HEART ISSUE

- ▶ How can a good and pure heart produce words that are evil, hurtful, and destructive?
- ▶ In order for polluted water to come out of a faucet, the water in the tank, (source), must first be polluted!
- ▶ Our words come from our thoughts, (heart).



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(James 3:9-12)

■ A HEART ISSUE

Proverbs 10:11–14 (NKJV)

¹¹ The mouth of the righteous *is* a well of life,
But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

¹² Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all
sins. ¹³ Wisdom is found on the lips of him
who has understanding, But a rod *is* for the
back of him who is devoid of understanding.

¹⁴ Wise *people* store up knowledge, But the
mouth of the foolish *is* near destruction.



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(James 3:9-12)

■ A HEART ISSUE

Matthew 12:33–37 (NKJV)

³³ “Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by *its* fruit. ³⁴ Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. ³⁵ A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.



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SINS OF THE TONGUE

CURSING

ROM. 12:14; JA. 3:9.

WHISPERS

ROM 1:29

FOOLISH

EPH. 5:4

FLATTERY

PSALM 12:3

BACKBITING

ROM 1:30

JESTING

EPH. 5:4

EVIL SPEECH

EPH. 3:31

BOASTING

ROM 1:39

IDLE WORDS

MAT. 12:36

LYING / DECEIT

REV. 21:8; ROM 3:13

COMPLAINING

1 COR. 10:10

BLASPHEMY

COL. 3:8

TALE BEARING

LEV. 19:16

REVILING

1 COR. 6:10

FALSE DOC.

TITUS 1:10,11

FILTHINESS

COL. 3:8

HARSH

MAT. 5:22

SILENT

JOHN 12:42

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THESE THINGS OUGHT TO BE SO
(HEB 10:24;)

■ USE YOUR TONGUE TO:

- ▶ Praise God (James 3:9)
- ▶ Pray to God (James 1:5-6; 5:13-16; 5:14-20).
- ▶ Sing to the Lord (James 5:13).
- ▶ Build up and strengthen one another (1 Cor. 14:26; 1 Th. 5:11).
- ▶ Encourage one another (Acts 11:23; 20:2)
- ▶ Speak the truth in love (Eph. 4:15)



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THESE THINGS OUGHT TO BE SO
(HEB 10:24;)



USE YOUR TONGUE TO:

- ▶ EXPOSE ERROR WITH TRUTH
- ▶ INSTRUCT IN RIGHTEOUSNESS
- ▶ RESTORE THE ERRING
- ▶ EXPRESS GRATITUDE
- ▶ COMPLIMENT OTHERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS
- ▶ COMFORT THE WEAK AND SUFFERING.
- ▶ TEACH THE LOST



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THESE THINGS OUGHT TO BE SO
(HEB 10:24;)

- DETERMINE TO TRUST AND OBEY THE LORD (1 PET. 3:15)
- PURIFY YOUR HEART (PROV. 4:23,34)
- LEARN TO LOVE GOD SUPREMELY, AND OTHERS AS YOURSELF (MAR. 12:29-31)
- LET YOUR SPEECH BE SEASONED WITH SALT (COL. 4:6)





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