

A TOPICAL STUDY OF THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

Lesson 4

**SECTION : WHO AND WHAT I AM
TOPIC: THE TONGUE**

INTRODUCTION

The book of Proverbs has a lot to say about what we say. References to the tongue (lips, mouth, words) appear nearly 150 times in this book. The tongue is a vessel that carries information from the heart to the world. In this study we will focus on the right and wrong messages your tongue may be sending.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

This part of your homework highlights the scriptures found in Proverbs on this topic. Look up and comment on some or all of those listed below.

CORRECT USES

Wise Counsel

Proverbs 10:31a _____

Proverbs 15:7a _____

Proverbs 27:9 _____

Exhortation

Proverbs 17:10 _____

Proverbs 20:30 _____

Proverbs 27:6 _____

Encouragement

Proverbs 15:4a _____

Proverbs 15:23 _____

Proverbs 16:24 _____

Comfort and Teaching

Proverbs 10:20-21 _____

Proverbs 18:4 _____

WRONG USAGE

Deceitful Flattery

Proverbs 20:17 _____

Proverbs 26:24a _____

Proverbs 26:28 _____

Proverbs 27:6 _____

Proverbs 28:23 _____

Slander/Gossip

Proverbs 10:18 _____

Proverbs 16:28 _____

Proverbs 17:9b _____

Arguments

Proverbs 18:6 _____

Proverbs 29:11 _____

Proverbs 29:22 _____

Proverbs 17:14 _____

Boasting

Proverbs 17:5 _____

Proverbs 18:13 _____

Proverbs 27:2 _____

Profanity

Proverbs 15:4 _____

Proverbs 30:14 _____

Lies and Exaggerations

Proverbs 6:16-19 _____

Proverbs 14:25 _____

SCRIPTURE RESEARCH

This section of your homework gives additional Biblical references for this topic.

Read James 3 - the entire chapter. As you read, you will notice that the tongue is described in many ways. Using the chart below, write down all the descriptions you can find about the tongue.

James 3 - The Tongue

Description	What It Means

Also see:

Psalms 34:13 _____

James 1:26 _____

I Peter 3:10 _____

Psalms 101:5 _____

SCRIPTURE REACTION

As you searched and researched the scriptures on this topic, which ones spoke most strongly to you? Why?

Write a reaction to the verse that God used to really speak to your heart. This may be in the form of a letter to the Lord.

SCRIPTURAL ACTION

What actions do you now need to incorporate into your life to fulfill your responsibility to these scriptures? What plans need to be made and what steps need to be taken to bring you into proper alignment with God's Word? Enter your prayer for this plan in the prayer journal section of your notebook.

A tongue that is misused needs a corrected heart. Are you having problems with the way you use your tongue? Follow these simple steps:

- a. Admit your problem - to yourself first, then to God.
- b. Take steps to control your tongue - think before you speak and develop the art of listening.
- c. Memorize Psalm 141:3

SCRIPTURE CHALLENGE

This part of homework is provided for those who want a deeper understanding of this topic.

Read the following verses. Is your tongue used in these ways? Choose one verse to exhibit in your own speech at least once each day.

Speaking God's: Righteousness Psalm 35:28

Wisdom Psalm 37:30

Word Psalm 119:172

Praise..... Psalm 126:2

Meditate on and memorize the following scripture:

***"Set a guard oh Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips."
Psalm 141:3***