

## The Tongue: Small But Deadly

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- ▶ Never use the excuse “everyone else says it.”
- ▶ Our character is measured by our words.
- ▶ If we control our words, we’ll control our destiny.
- ▶ Words hold the power of both good and evil.

### **Tips for taming the tongue:**

James 3:1-12, Psalm 141:3-4, Romans 12:1-2, Philippians 2:13, Romans 8:5-17

- ✓ Admit you need help.
- ✓ Pray daily about it.
- ✓ Don’t excuse it.
- ✓ Confess it and move on.
- ✓ Seek accountability.

### **Tips for smart texting:**

- Think before you respond.
- If you can’t say it in front of your spouse, don’t text it.
- If you can’t read it out loud in church, don’t text it.
- If it would make your mom cry, don’t text it.
- Don’t say through media what you wouldn’t say in person.
- Words have both a when and a where.
- Don’t drink and drive & don’t text angry.

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