

The Children of Light Should Speak Light Ephesians 5:8-10

Our Tongue Can Speak _____ and _____ or _____ and _____

Words can hurt and words can build up. “Words are powerful!”

There is the lying tongue (Psalm 5:9; Psalm 109:2; Proverbs 6:17), a deceitful tongue (Psalm 120:2), a flattering, boastful, and proud tongue (Psalm 12:3; 73:9), a perverted tongue (Proverbs 10:31b; 17:20), a destructive tongue (Proverbs 17:4), a mischievous and evil tongue (Psalm 10:7), a sly (backbiting) tongue (Proverbs 25:23). These all bring darkness. But our tongue can also bring light. Proverbs 12:18 / Proverbs 15:4
Proverbs 12:25 Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up.

The _____ of Our Mouth _____ and _____ With Life or Death Proverbs 18:20-21

Controlling Our Tongue

James 3:2-6 James compares our tongue to a bit, a rudder of a ship, and a fire!

Without Jesus, We Will Never Tame Our Tongues - James 3:7-8

**An Untamed Tongue May Be the Way of the World,
But For Children of Light This is a Big Problem.** James 3:9-12

Speak Light or Our _____ May Be in _____ James 1:26

The one sin that strips the church of power, and the power of God from above, the power of her testimony around the world and within the community is the sin of an uncontrolled tongue. Johnny Hunt

Speak Light Because Our Words _____ Our _____ Luke 6:45. Matthew 12:33-35

Speak Light Because We Will Be Held _____ for _____

Matthew 12:36-37

Speaking Light _____ Matthew 5:37 / Matthew 5:44-45

(Also see Rom. 12:14)

Call Out the Guards!

1. Guard Your _____.

You can't control what others say, but you can control what you believe. Proverbs 4:20-23

Vs 23 Above all else, **guard your heart**, for everything you do flows from it. / Matthew 12:34

NEXT STEP: This week I will guard my heart against words of darkness.

2. Guard Your _____.

Psalms 141:3 Set a guard over my mouth, LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.

NEXT STEP: This week I will pray Psalms 141:3 and watch my mouth!

Life App Group and Family Devotional Application

1. Our tongue can Speak Light and Life or Death and Darkness? Give examples of each.
2. Anyone care to share about some crushing words that you had to deal with in the past? What about a time when someone spoke words of life and light to you? Tell us about it.
3. According to Proverbs 18:20, what two fruits can our mouth fill our stomach with?
4. In your home or upbringing, which did you hear the most? What do you naturally tend to speak to others?
5. James says the tongue is almost impossible to tame. In what three ways did he describe the tongue? Explain.
6. According to James 3:9, what's our problem when it comes to our tongue? How have you learned to allow the Holy Spirit to help you control your tongue?
7. Jesus said our words reveal what's truly in our _____.
8. What two things need guarding? Why? How do we guard them? Let's help each other with suggestions.

Answers: Light – Life – Death – Darkness / Fruit – Fills – Us – Others / Religion – Vain / Showcase – Heart / Accountable – Our – Words / Shows – Our – Maturity / Heart / Mouth