



What If I Took Control Of My Words?

Matthew 6:19-34

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When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. *(James 3:3-8, NIV)*

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. *(James 1:26, NIV)*

Wrong Words...

1. ...can _____.
2. ...can make a _____ situation _____.
3. ...can push people _____ from _____.

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water. *(James 3:9-12, NIV)*



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When I Take Control Of My Words:

1. I become a _____.

We all make many mistakes, but those who control their tongues can also control themselves in every other way. *(James 3:2, NIV)*

2. I _____.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. *(Ephesians 4:29, NIV)*

3. I give _____ to _____.

My lips will glorify You. *(Psalm 63:3, NIV)*

To Take Control Of My Words:

1. I think _____.

- I read a chapter from the book of _____ every day.

2. I must _____.

- T: Is it _____?
- H: Is it _____?
- I: Is it _____?
- N: Is it _____?
- K: Is it _____?

3. I _____.

Too much talk leads to sin. Be sensible and keep your mouth shut. *(Proverbs 10:19, NLT)*