

- I. With power comes responsibility (v. 1-5a)
 - a. What we say is under scrutiny
 - b. Our words carry significant influence

 - II. The character of the tongue (v. 5b-8)
 - a. It's instinctively evil
 - b. It's untamable

 - III. The inconsistency of the tongue (v. 9-12)
 - a. Warning against being two-sided
 - b. Producing proper fruit
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Questions for personal reflection or group discussion:

In what ways is your life controlled by what you say?

How does the tongue corrupt the whole person?

What is it about using your tongue that makes it so hard to stay in control?

How can we help each other to control our tongues?