

TAMING THE TONGUE

JAMES 3:1-12



The Power of the Tongue

·Life and Death

Prov. 18:21; 2nd Sam. 1:15; 1st Sam. 26:9

·Persuasiveness

Proverbs 16:21, 23

·May Invalidate Our Faith

James 1:26

Things That Tear Down

·Talebearing [Gossip]

Proverbs 26:20-22; 11:13; 20:19

·Slander

Proverbs 10:18; Luke 11:53, 54

·Whispering/Backbiting

Proverbs 16:28; 25:23



Things That Tear Down

Flattery

Proverbs 26:28

·Lying

John 8:44; Proverbs 6:17; Colossians 3:9

In Summation: Avoid These!

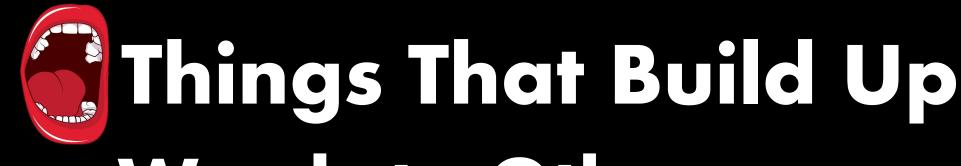
Things That Build Up

- Words to God
- · Confession

Luke 12:8, 9; Romans 10:9, 10

· Blessing & Praise

Psalm 145:1, 2; 51:14, 15



- Words to Others
- · Pleasant Words

Proverbs 16:24; 15:4

· Gentle Words

Proverbs 15:1



Motivations to Control

·Love

John 3:16; 1st John 4:11; 1st Corinthians 8:1

·Humility

T-H-I-N-K; Romans 12:9-10, 16; 1st Peter 2:21-23

·Salvation

Psalm 39:1; Matthew 12:34-37; Proverbs 21:23

He who guards his mouth preserves his life, But he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.

Proverbs 13:3