

Proper View of the Tongue

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I. Introduction.

A. If you want to know what is in the heart of a man or woman, listen to his or her words. (Luke 6:45)

B. The tongue is difficult to tame. The perfect man is the man whose tongue is bridled. (James 3:1-12)

C. The man who is obedient to Scripture is the one who tames his tongue. (James 4:11-12)

D. We should avoid oath taking and simply say yes. (James 5:19-20)

E. The ministry ought to have a focus.

1. Medicine is a ministry.

2. Physicians should minister to the needs of their patients when appropriate.

3. Doctors disciple doctors.

F. We have been sent and have a mission unto the world. (John 20)

G. Text: Ephesians 5.

II. Observations for the guys.

A. Marriage is a picture for the church.

B. Men are to lead and love their wives as Christ.

1. Jesus communicated. (I Corinthians 14:3)

2. Jesus mediated.

3. Jesus led. (I Corinthians 11; Romans 15:13; Isaiah 40:11; Genesis 33:14)

III. Suggestions for the ladies.

A. Every successful marriage begins with the woman being committed to Jesus Christ. (Luke 10:31-32)

B. There must be total commitment to the marriage.

C. There must be total commitment to the mission.

Application questions:

1. Why is the tongue such a reflection of the person?

2. How does a husband reflect Christ and the church?

3. Why do you think the wife's relationship with Christ is so integral in the marriage when the husband takes a leadership role? Explain.
