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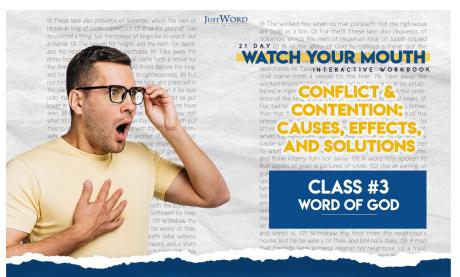


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# Day 1 – Your Mouth Matters

#### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Your mouth matters to God. So often we say what we think or feel without much thought or consideration but the words of our mouth matter to God, and greatly impact those around us. The psalmist said, "I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me" (Psalm 39:1). We must resolve like David to consider and control what comes out of our mouths.

**FOCUS SCRIPTURES:** 

☐ Proverb	os 13:3 🔲 Proverbs 18	8:20-21 🔲 Psain	ns 141:3	
FOCUS DEFINITIONS  Look for Key Words in the Passages, then look up their Definitions.				
ENGLISH WORD	Strong's # Hebrew Word / Greek Word		DEFINITIONS	
Study		TUDY NOTES tures. What did you	learn from the Word of God?	

Answer the Questions Below.

Why does your mouth matter?	
	NOTE TO SELF Encourage Yourself from What You've Learned
Which scripture stands out to you? Why?	

## **SELF EVALUATION ASSESSMENT**

Let's evaluate the current state of your mouth. This is between you and God, and we'll do it again after this study. Below are some key areas to pay attention to and work on. For each, honestly assess how often that statement applies to you.

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
I speak with wisdom.					
Those closest to me would say I speak with					
wisdom.					
study God's word & rehearse what God requires					
for my mouth.					
I pray about what to say, how to say it, etc.					
l am slow to speak & swift to hear.					
stop talking at the right time & shut my mouth					
when I should.					
I tell the truth and am honest.					
I use my mouth to edify & help others. People are					
blessed by hearing & talking to me.					
leave conversations that don't please God, and					
avoid people who have them.					
refuse to talebear, slander, and scorn.					
Gossip, tearing down others, etc. is not allowed					
from my mouth and in my presence.					
I glorify and praise God with my mouth.					
l leave off contention and cease from strife. I am					
able and willing to let things go.					
If necessary, I handle strife the Bible way, going to					
the person to resolve the issue.					



# Day 2 - The Power of the Tongue

#### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Have you ever seen a fire? It may start with a small spark, but it's heat and intensity can quickly spread, build, and explode. In James 3, the tongue is repeatedly compared to fire. Though the tongue is small, a wise man has to take heed and manage it appropriately or suffer the fiery consequences. Today let's explore what the scripture says about the tongue, its power, and the wisdom that comes from above.

#### **FOCUS SCRIPTURES:**

☐ James 3:1-18

#### **FOCUS DEFINITIONS**

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Answer the Questions Below.

What does this chapter teach us about the mouth & wisdom? Which verse	Ψ
or point stands out to you?	NOTE TO SELF Encourage Yourself from What You've Learned
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Why is this so important and helpful to remember?	
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How can this truth help you now as you deal with your mouth & seek wisdom	from above?



Day 3 - Do You Sound Wise?

#### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Do you sound wise? The words that come out of our mouths can be an indicator of where we are at. In Proverbs and Ecclesiastes the Bible lets us know what wise people do with their lips, and how their words sound and impact others. As we strive to grow in wisdom, the Word gives us a standard by which to measure ourselves, a mirror to honestly examine ourselves, and a yardstick to measure our progress.

**FOCUS SCRIPTURES:** 

☐ Proverbs 14:3 ☐ Proverbs 15:2

☐ Proverbs 15:7

☐ Proverbs 10:19 ☐ Proverbs 12:18

☐ P	roverbs 16:23	□ Ecclesiaste	es 9:17 🗆 Eco	clesiastes 10:12	☐ Ecclesiastes 12:11	☐ Proverbs 31:26
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Fill in the table: How do wise people sound? What characteristics did you find in the verses?

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Proverbs 12:18
Proverbs 14:3
Proverbs 15:2
Proverbs 15:7
Proverbs 16:23
Ecclesiastes 9:17
Ecclesiastes 10:12
Ecclesiastes 12:11
Proverbs 31:26
Which scripture stands out to you? Why?
Encourage Yourself from What You've Learned
What should you work on ar repeatable going forward?
What should you work on or remember going forward?

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Go back to Day 14 and mark off the challenges you completed in the last week and write what you learned or experienced. Check it off when you're finished.

☐ I completed Day 14, Put It Into Practice!

Think about the past week and evaluate what did or did not come out of your mouth this week. Honestly complete the ratings below. Be honest – it's between you and God.

DURING THE LAST SEVEN DAYS	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
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I studied God's word & rehearsed what God					
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Read the question and answer them on the space provided.

Compare your results today to Day 1. Did you improve? What do you need to work on going forward?	<b>\$</b>
	NOTE TO SELF Encourage Yourself from What You've Learned
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What is the most important lesson you've learned from th scripture stands out?	is study? What key point or



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