

CHRISTIAN CONDUCT
Pt. 4 – ‘Guard Your Mouth’
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1. Watch my Mouth

Psalms 39:1 (NIV)

^[1] I said, "I will watch my ways and keep my tongue from sin; I will put a muzzle on my mouth as long as the wicked are in my presence."

Psalms 141:3 (NIV)

^[3] Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.

Colossians 3:16-17 (NIV)

^[16] Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

^[17] And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

James 1:26 (NIV)

^[26] If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

2. The Compass of Life

James 3:1-12 (NIV)

^[1] Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

^[2] We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.

^[3] When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal.

^[4] 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.

^[5] 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.

^[6] 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.