

Introduction

- I. What comes out of our mouths? Are the words that flow a sweet river or a cesspool?
- II. The word of God encourages us to learn to control our tongues.

**Learning to Control Our Tongues**

**I. The Destructive Power**

- A. James teaches us about the intrinsic, destructive power of the tongue.

- B. We must remember that our words are a matter of worship. James 1:26 and Matt. 12:34.

**II. The Specific Instances**

- A. Learning to control our tongues means learning to put away lying because God hates lying.

- B. There are others forms of lying that God hates and that we must learn to hate also.

1. Gossip

2. Flattery

3. Running others down (James 4:11)

**III. The Disciplined Tongue -**

- A. The disciplined tongue can be a power for good.

- B. But think of the power of such a disciplined tongue.