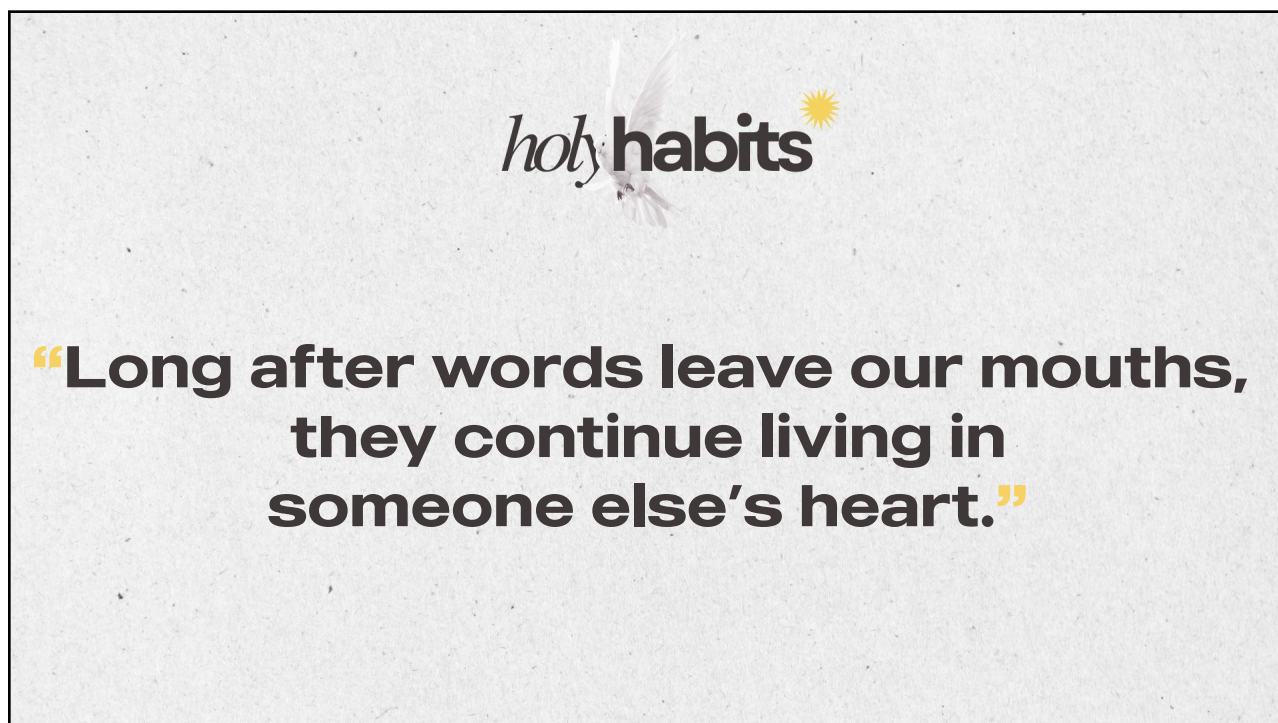




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**“One encouraging voice
cannot solve every problem,
but it can
change the direction of a life.”**

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**A
CULTURE
THAT
SPEAKS
RECKLESSLY**



4



**“The tongue reveals
what the heart conceals.”**

5



**Here this beloved.
“What leaks out of your mouth
usually lives inside your heart.”**

6

**OUR
WORDS
HAVE
GREAT
POWER**

*holy*habits 

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*holy*habits 


**“A sentence takes mere seconds
to speak,
but can take literally years
to recover from.”**

8



**“Words weigh more
than we think and travel farther
than we know .”**

9

**SCRIPTURE
CALLS
US
TO
INTEGRITY**



10

James 3:1-12 | **NLT**



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James 3:1-12 | **NLT**

¹ Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will **be judged more strictly.**



12

² Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.

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³ We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a **small bit** in its mouth. ⁴ And a **small rudder** makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong.

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⁵ In the same way, **the tongue is a small thing** that makes grand speeches. But **a tiny spark** can set a great forest on fire. ⁶ And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is **a flame of fire.**

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15

It is a whole world of wickedness, **corrupting your entire body.** It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.

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⁷ People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, ⁸ but **no one can tame the tongue**. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison.

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⁹ Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and **sometimes it curses** those who have been made in the image of God.

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18

10 And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!

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11 Does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water? 12 Does a fig tree produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs? No, and you can't draw fresh water from a salty spring.

*holy*habits 

20



**“God never intended
our mouths to be a fountain
that produces both
blessing and poison.”**

21



**“If Jesus is Lord of your heart,
He should eventually become
Lord of your tongue.”**

22

**THE
HOLY
SPIRIT
PROVIDES
HELP**

*holy*habits 

23

Psalm 141:3 | **TLB**

Help me, Lord, to **keep my mouth
shut** and my lips sealed.

*holy*habits 


24



**“When the Holy Spirit
begins to change our heart,
He begins by changing
our vocabulary.”**

25

Colossians 4:6 | ERV

**When you talk, you should always
be kind and wise. Then you will be
able to answer everyone in the way
you should.**



26



**“The Holy Spirit
doesn’t just help us
speak in tongues;
He helps us control our tongue.”**

27

**FIVE
PRACTICAL
TAKEAWAYS
TO
CONSIDER**



28



[1]

**Always ask yourself if
what you're about to say is it
TRUE**

29



[2]

**Always ask yourself if
what you're about to say is it
HELPFUL**

30



[3]

**Always ask yourself if
what you're about to say is it
INSPIRING**

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[4]

**Always ask yourself if
what you're about to say is it
NECESSARY**

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[5]

**Always ask yourself if
what you're about to say is it
KIND**

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Proverbs 18:21 | **ERV**

The tongue can **speak words that
bring life or death.** Those who love
to talk must be ready to **accept
what it brings.**



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