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Let no one despise you for your youth,
but **set the believers an example** in speech,
in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12

Is my **speech** worthy of imitation?

Big Question

1. Your words **matter** (3:1).

God speaks the universe into existence.

God reveals Himself through His Word.

God endows image bearers with the ability to speak to Him and one another.

Satan uses words to lie and deceive.

Adam and Eve blame shift.

Cain kills Abel and lies to God.

Lamech boasts about his own importance.

What you say **matters** to God.

I tell you that on the day of judgment people will have to account **for every careless word** they speak. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.

Matthew 12:26-27

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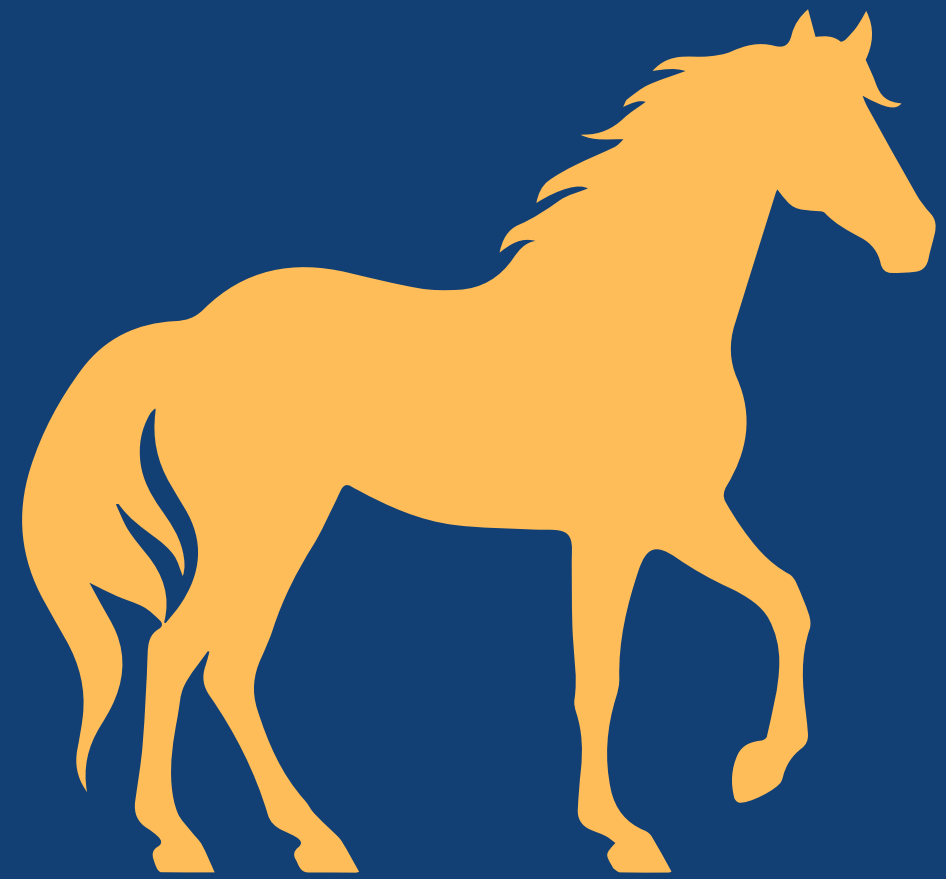
What you say **matters** for your witness.

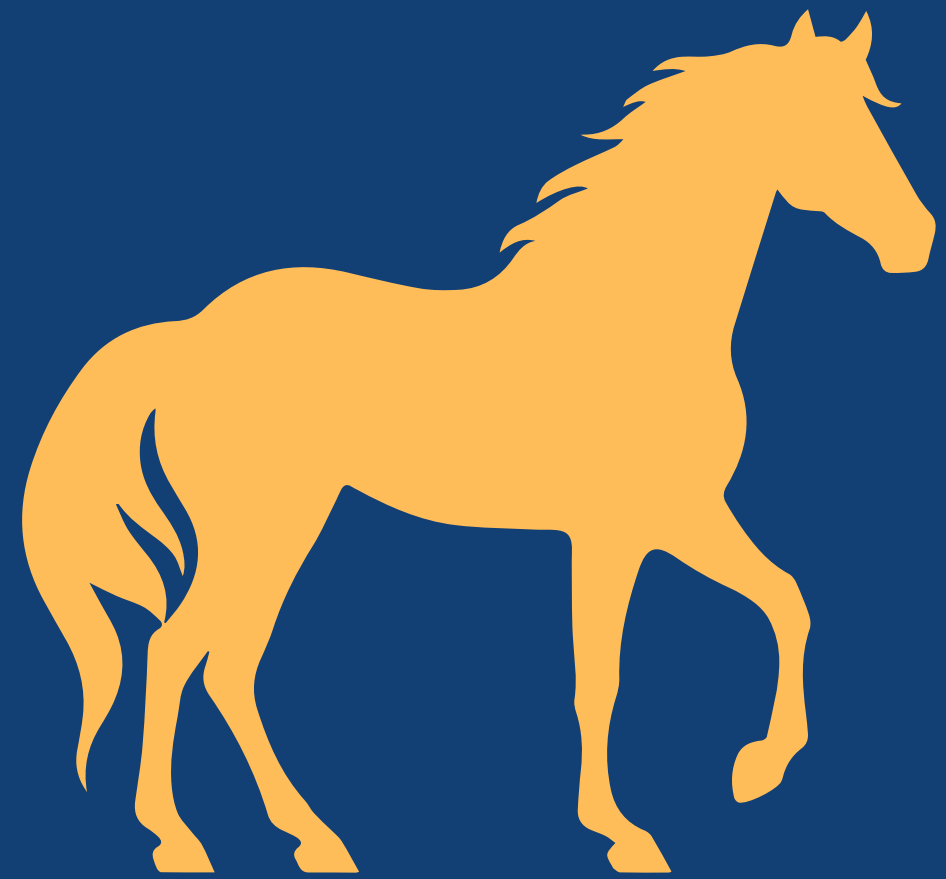
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Your tongue can be used an instrument of Satan.

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4. Your words are a **window** into your heart (3:9-12).

Our speech should be **consistent**
with the God we claim to serve.

A tongue issue is a heart issue.

A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. **What you say flows from what is in your heart.**

Luke 6:45

Speak like you've been **saved**.

Response

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