

“STOP RUNNING YOUR MOUTH”

Proverbs 21:23 – Watch your tongue and keep your mouth shut, and you will stay out of trouble.

Your words are the most powerful and most dangerous resource you will ever possess.

James 3:2-8 – 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. We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. 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. And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. 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. People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison.

1. The words you speak are powerful.

- **Ephesians 4:29** (CSB) – No foul language should come from your mouth, but only what is good for building up someone in need so that it gives grace to those who hear.
- **Proverbs 18:21** – The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences.

2. The words you listen to are powerful.

- **Galatians 5:7-8** – You were running the race so well. Who has held you back from following the truth? It certainly isn't God, for he is the one who called you to freedom.
- **Ephesians 2:10** – For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.
- **Proverbs 20:19** – A gossip goes around telling secrets, so don't hang around with chatters.

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3. **Your words always reflect your heart.**

- **Luke 6:45** – 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.
- **Proverbs 15:28** – The heart of the godly thinks carefully before speaking; the mouth of the wicked overflows with evil words.
- **James 1:26** – If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless.

Coming Soon:

1. **Connect Class**: If you are interested in becoming a member of Dan River Church (or finding out more about it), join us today after the 10:45am service for our Connect Class.
2. **Behold & Become Women's Conference**: Join hundreds of women for the 2024 city-wide women's conference March 22nd-23rd. For more details and to sign up, visit mhchurch.com/ behold-and-become.
3. **Easter Sunday @ Dan River Church**: We are just over one month away from Easter. Make plans now to join us at one of our three celebrations on March 31st. Easter service times: 8am, 9:30am, and 11am.
4. **Easter Choir**: If you are interested in being part of the Easter choir, please email Daniel.elias@danriverchurch.org or fill out the form at <https://danriver.churchcenter.com/people/forms/698719>. Rehearsals will begin soon on Thursdays from 6-6:45pm.