

SEPTEMBER 26

**“IF I CAN CONTROL MY TONGUE,
I CAN ENJOY LIFE, HAVE LIFE,
SPREAD LIFE.”**

READ

Proverbs 13:3, James 3:5-10

We spend so much time worrying about the enemy, but then permit our lips to defeat us. How many times, when God's been about to do something great, have we let our tongues snatch victory from our hearts? Words can set you free or they can bind you. The Bible constantly teaches that our words are creative and powerful. They can make something happen, or they can snuff the life from you. Joshua knew it, so he warned the people to do exactly as he told them: “When I give you the signal, then I want to hear from you. But until then close your mouth; until then seal it up and zip it up.” Don't take a chance that something destructive could come out of your mouth. What you say not only impacts you, it will spread to other people. What you say can bind, imprison, destroy or defeat. If you speak words of life, they can resurrect, cleanse and empower. When we shout at each other, the same thing happens as when we shout at Jericho walls: we crumble, and fall. When we shout at each other, we tear down each other. We can destroy people and eventually ourselves. If you can control the tongue, you can enjoy life and spread life.

PRAY

Jesus, forgive me. By Your Spirit, help me tame my tongue. I want to create life and to spread life — the life of Jesus.

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