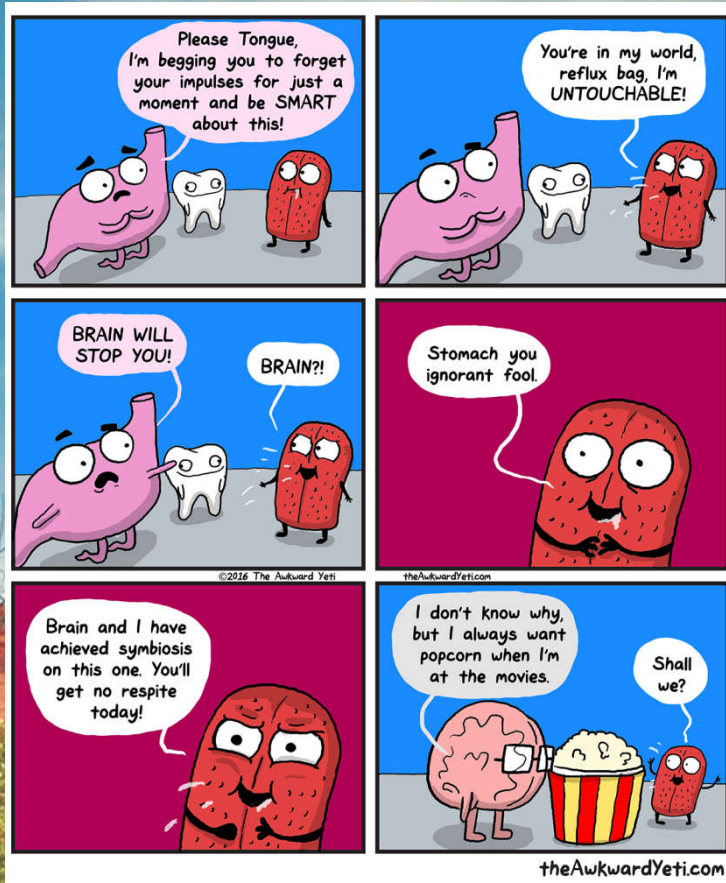


THE POWER OF THE TONGUE



From the Bottom of our Heart

⁴⁵ A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

Luke 6:45



The Mixture Dilutes the Power

² For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

³ Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

⁴ Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

⁵ Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

⁷ For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

⁸ But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

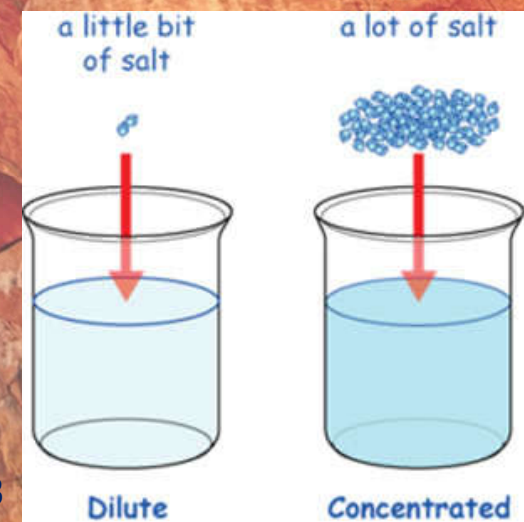
⁹ Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

¹⁰ Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

¹¹ Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

¹² Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

¹³ Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. James 3:2-13



James 3:2-13 Summary



Bridles steer horses



Helms steer ships



Tongues steer us



Tongue = Flames = trouble



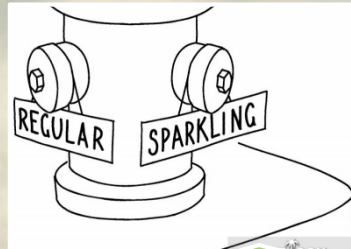
We can tame animals but can't tame the tongue



It can be deadly & poisonous



We bless and curse with it



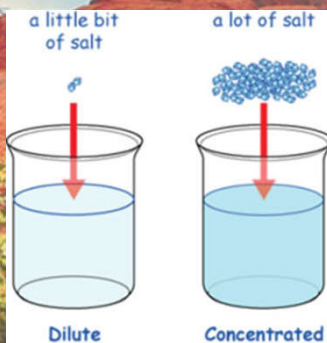
Fresh and salt water from the same fountain?



Olives from a fig tree?



Show your faith through good words, wisdom and humility



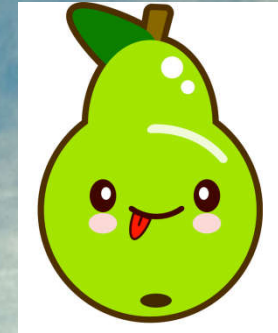
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James 3:13

Reap what you sow – Health & Wellbeing

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall **eat the fruit thereof**.

Prov 18:21



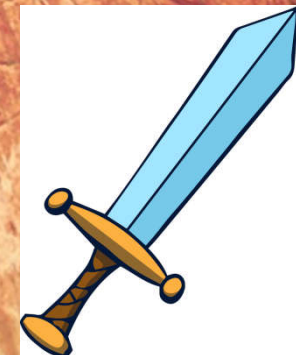
A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. ²The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness. ³The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. ⁴A wholesome tongue is a **tree of life**: but perverseness therein is a **breach in the spirit**.

Prov 15:1-4



¹⁴A man shall be satisfied with good by the **fruit of his mouth**....¹⁸There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health. ¹⁹The lip of truth **shall be established for ever**: but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

Prov 12:14, 18-19



So what should we do?

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of **edifying**, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

³⁰ And **grieve not the holy Spirit of God**, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

³¹ Let all **bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:**

³² And be ye **kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another**, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:29-32

⁴ **Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting**, which are not convenient: but rather **giving of thanks**.... ¹⁹ Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

²⁰ Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Ephesians 5:4,19-20

¹⁹ Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, **slow to speak**, slow to wrath.... ²⁶ If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

James 1:19, 26

⁶ Let your speech be always with **grace, seasoned with salt**, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Colossians 4:6

² To **speak evil of no man**, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men

Titus 3:2



There are power in your words!

Bless yourself and others with them today



THANKFUL
grateful
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