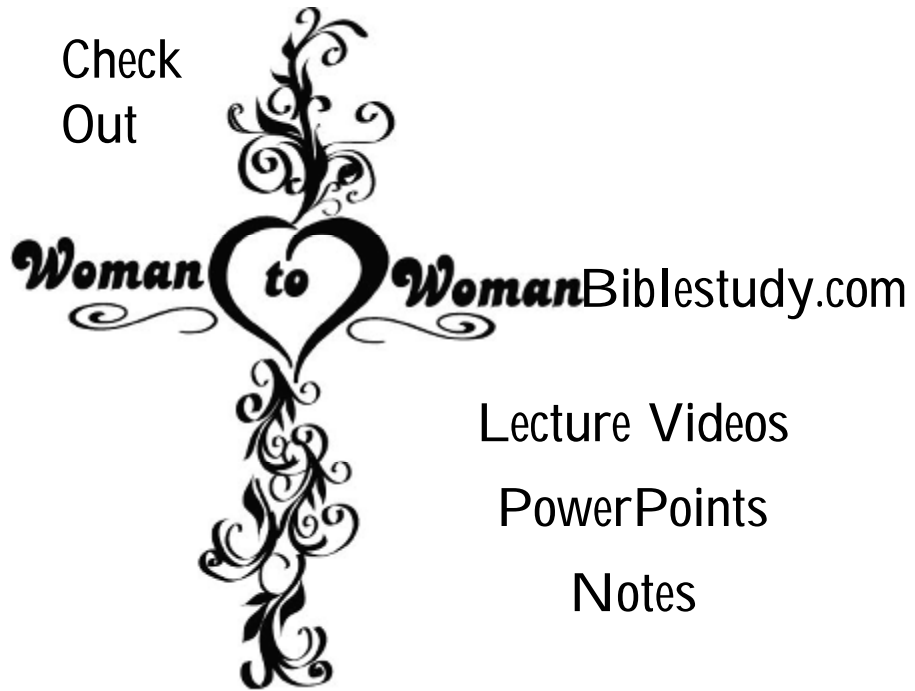
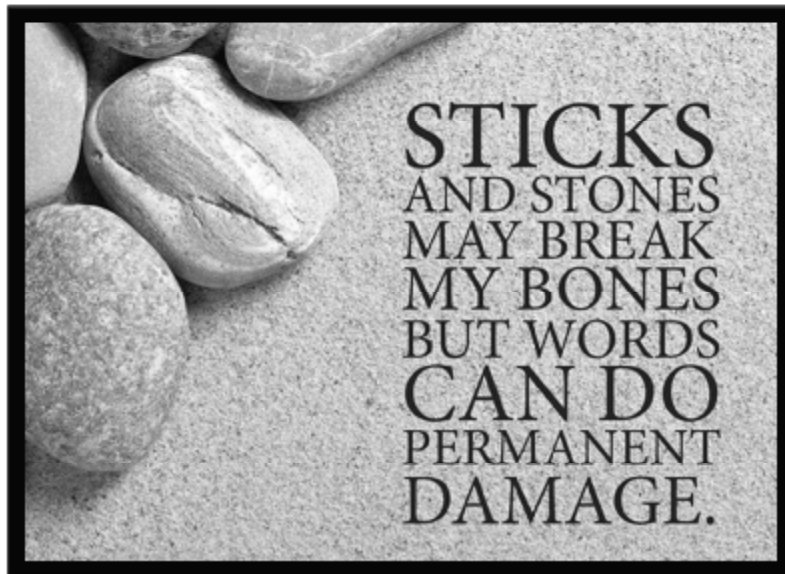


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PROVERBS, LESSON 11: THE TONGUE



PROVERBS 18:21

- The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love to talk will have to eat their own words (NOG).
- Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit—you choose (MSG).

METONYMY

- Tongue = words
- Metonymy = substituting a word for a closely related concept
- “I’m studying Shakespeare”
(for the plays of the author)



POWER OF WORDS

- God spoke the universe into existence.
- Jesus is the Word made flesh (John 1:14).
- The Bible is God’s Word.
- The word is the gospel (1 Peter 1:23-25, ESV).

POWER OF WORDS

- When Jesus returns to judge the earth at His Second Coming, He will speak and defeat His enemies.
- From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations (Rev. 19:15).

RESULTS OF GOSSIP

- Contention (discord, conflict)
- Ruined reputations
- Harm to the hearer
- Strife
- Ruined Friendships

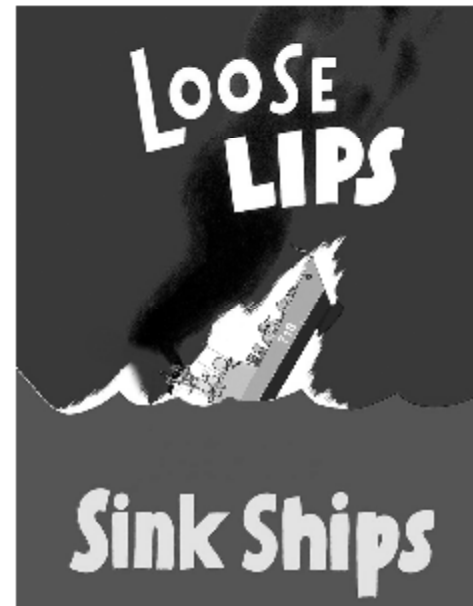
RESPONSE TO GOSSIP

- Avoid gossips.
- Don't listen to them.
- Recognize them as sinners who will face God's wrath.
- Don't participate in or approve of gossip.

A Secret told –
Ceases to be a Secret – then –
A Secret – kept –
That – can appal but One

Better of it – continual be afraid –
Than it –

And Whom you told it to – beside –
Emily Dickinson



**INCLUDING
FRIEND-
SHIPS**



CYBERBULLYING

FLATTERY

- Insincere praise
- Often excessive
- Manipulative
- Selfish
- Unkind
- Destructive

PROVERBS 18:20

- “With the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach will be satisfied; He will be satisfied with the product of his lips.”
- Too often a person is in love with the sound of his own voice. Beware!

CONTROL YOUR TONGUE

- Less likely to embarrass self
- Less likely to hurt others
- Less likely to gossip
- More likely to look wise
- Less likely to get into trouble

**“...to move man,
through God,
by prayer alone.”**

— J. HUDSON TAYLOR

**The reason a dog has
so many friends is that
he wags his tail
instead of his tongue.**

Anonymous



A soothing tongue

is a tree of life.

GOOD WORDS

- **Give life (help & heal)**
- **Calm or deflect anger**
- **Make knowledge attractive**
- **Delight the soul**
- **Heal inner hurts**

How can I control my tongue?

- Know Jesus personally so that the Holy Spirit can give me self-control.
- Pray for God's help to be willing & able (Php. 2:13; Ps.141:3; Ps. 19:14; Col. 4:6)
- Have an accountability partner.

God is all powerful, yet He doesn't force Himself on us.

He can & will help us to control our tongues—if we will allow Him to.