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There is a horse in your mouth!

James 1: 26: If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.

The tongue of fire

James 3: 5-6: How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.

The tongue of poison

James 3:8: ...but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

Romans 3:13: Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit. The poison of vipers is on their lips.

John 8:44: Satan is a "liar," the "father of lies" and it is his "native language."

The tongue of cursing

James 3: 9-10: With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

- Blasphemy (blasphemo - to rail on, speak evil of)
 - **Matthew 27:39:** Those who passed by blasphemed Him.
- Mocking (to make fun of like a child)
 - **Matthew 27:41:** The chief priests mocked Him.
- Reviling (to abuse with words)
 - **Matthew 27:43:** The robbers reviled Him.

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Surrender tongue to the Holy Spirit

James 3: 3-4: If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

The “spiritual” tongue is:

- Kind
 - **Prov. 16:24:** Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.
- Healing
 - **Prov. 12: 18:** The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.
- Powerful
 - **Prov. 18:21:** The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Get saved

Romans 10:9: If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Get filled with the Spirit

Ephesians 5:18: Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to reckless indiscretion. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

Acts 2:4: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Get in the right atmosphere

Ephesians 5:19: Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your hearts to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ....