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Don't Feed The Monster | Part 1-Taming The Tongue | Pastor Steve Wells | 10.04. 2020
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Memory Verse: James 3:5-6 “⁵Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one’s life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.”

Human language is a powerful resource that can be used or abused. Pastor Steve shared a warning from the Book of James about the dangers of an untamed tongue.

Here is some simple advice found in the Bible explaining when we should Tame our Tongue:

- In the heat of anger. **Proverbs 14:17**
- When you don't have all the facts. **Proverbs 18:13**
- When you haven't verified the story. **Deuteronomy 17:6**
- If your words will offend a weaker person. **1 Corinthians 8:11**
- If you are complaining and trying to get others to join you. **Eph. 4:9, Philippians 2:14**
- When you are tempted to gossip. **Proverbs 26:20**
- When you are tempted to joke about sin. **Proverbs 14:9**
- When you would be ashamed of your words later. **Proverbs 8:8**
- If your words would convey a wrong impression. **Proverbs 17:27**
- When you're tempted to make light of holy things. **Ecclesiastes 5:2**
- If the issue is none of your business. **Proverbs 14:10**
- When you are tempted to tell an outright lie. **Proverbs 4:24**
- If your words will damage someone's reputation. **Proverbs 16:27**
- If your words will destroy a friendship. **Proverbs 25:28**
- When you are feeling critical. **James 3:9**
- When it is time to listen. **Proverbs 13:1**
- If you may have to eat your words later. **Proverbs 18:21**
- If you have already said it more than one time and then it becomes nagging. **Proverbs 19:13**
- When you are tempted to flatter a wicked person. **Proverbs 24:24**
- When you are supposed to be working instead. **Proverbs 14:23**

What other situations and verses would you add to the list?

The Apostle Paul gave good advice on how to handle the gift of speech when he wrote:
“Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” -**Colossians 4:6**