

Grace Anatomy

Godly Tongue

Proverbs 18:21



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John 19:30

When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” Then bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.



Ungodly Tongues



Powerful Words:

- **I hate you.**
- **I don't believe you.**
- **I don't trust you.**
- **I don't love you.**
- **Go back to where you came from.**

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○ **Lying**

Ungodly **Tongues**



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○ Lying

John 8:44

You are of your father the Devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and has not stood in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he speaks from his own nature, because he is a liar and the father of liars.

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○ Lying

Matthew 12:35-37

³⁵ A good man produces good things from his storeroom of good, and an evil man produces evil things from his storeroom of evil. ³⁶ I tell you that on the day of judgment people will have to account for every careless word they speak. ³⁷ For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.”

Ungodly Tongues

- **Lying**
- **Gossip**



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○ Gossip

Romans 1:28-30

²⁸ And because they did not think it worthwhile to acknowledge God, God delivered them over to a worthless mind to do what is morally wrong. ²⁹ They are filled with all unrighteousness, evil, greed, and wickedness. They are full of envy, murder, quarrels, deceit, and malice. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, God-haters, arrogant, proud, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, and unmerciful.

Ungodly Tongues

- **Lying**
- **Gossip**
- **Cussing**



Ungodly Tongues

- **Lying**
- **Gossip**
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- **Boasting/Bragging**



Ungodly Tongues



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- **Gossip**
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- **Crude Language**

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- **Being Disrespectful**

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- **Not Giving God Credit**

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- **Half-Truths**

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- **Retaliation**
- **Saying What Others Want To Hear**
- **Saying Right Thing At Wrong Time**

Psalm 19:14

**May the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to You,
Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.**



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Powerful Words:

- I do
- Hello
- I love You
- I'm Sorry
- I Forgive You
- I Believe You
- I Trust You
- Yes

○ Gracious Words

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○ Gracious Words

Colossians 4:6

Your speech should always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person.

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○ Gracious Words

Luke 4:22

²² They were all speaking well of Him and were amazed by the gracious words that came from His mouth...

Godly Tongues

- **Gracious Words**
- **Speak Kindly**



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○ **Speak Kindly**

Genesis 50:20-21

“²⁰ You planned evil against me; God planned it for good to bring about the present result—the survival of many people. ²¹ Therefore don’t be afraid. I will take care of you and your little ones.” And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Godly Tongues

- **Gracious Words**
- **Speak Kindly**
- **Speak Truth In Love**



Godly Tongues

A dark blue silhouette of a person in a prayerful pose, with their head bowed and hands clasped together, set against a light blue background. The entire scene is framed within a larger yellow and orange textured background.

○ **Speak Truth In Love**

Ephesians 4:15

¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into Him who is the head—Christ.

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- **Gracious Words**
- **Speak Kindly**
- **Speak Truth In Love**
- **Build Up Others**



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○ Build Up Others

Ephesians 4:29

²⁹ No foul language is to come from your mouth, but only what is good for building up someone in need, so that it gives grace to those who hear.

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- **Speak Truth In Love**
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- **Give Soft/Gentle Answers**

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Proverbs 15:1

A gentle answer turns away anger,
but a harsh word stirs up wrath.



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- **Don't Speak Too Soon**

Proverbs 29:20

Do you see a man who speaks too soon?
There is more hope for a fool than for him.



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○ **Let Your Words Be Few**

Proverbs 10:19

When there are many words, sin is unavoidable,
but the one who controls his lips is wise.

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- **Keep Silent At The Right Times**

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○ **Keep Silent At The Right Times**

Proverbs 17:28

Even a fool is considered wise when he keeps silent,
discerning when he seals his lips.

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- **Don't Speak Before Listening**

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○ **Don't Speak Before Listening**

Proverbs 18:13

The one who gives an answer before he
listens—
this is foolishness and disgrace for him.

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○ Speaking Online

- Pray/Test with Scripture before you post.
- Imagine the other person is sitting next to you.
- Remember that online is also on stage.
- Ask yourself if you've earned the right to address the subject at hand.
- Ask yourself if you have a close enough relationship with the person to warrant offering your opinion.
- Let your comments be laced with grace.
- Realize the world is watching... and learning.

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- I do.
- Goodbye.
- hello.
- I love you.
- I'm sorry.
- I forgive you.
- I believe.
- I trust you.
- I've sinned.

○ Speak Courageous Words

- You've wronged me.
- Let it go.
- Let's start again.
- Your will be done God.
- How can I help?
- I'm proud of you.
- You can do it!

Godly Tongues



“With our mouths, we are constantly creating. And we have that gift because we’re made in God’s image.”

- Annie F. Downs, *Perfectly Unique*

Training Your Tongue

- Evaluate yourself.
- Ask others to evaluate you.
- Identify your greatest weakness.
- Identify your greatest strengths.
- Ask God to guard your mouth.
- Go to a quiet place with God.

