

If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. James 1:26 (NIV)

My Words

Listen to the words that are coming out of your mouth. I want you to listen carefully to all that you are saying. Why is that? If you really listen to your own words I'm sure that you will be very surprised. Do you understand what I'm asking of you? I'm not exactly sure what you have in mind. **I want you to critically evaluate all the words that are coming out of your mouth. While you're at it, you can also evaluate the words that you don't say out loud. I want you to evaluate even the words that you are able to suppress. I also want you to evaluate your self-talk. Do you have any idea why I am asking you to do all of this?** No, not really.

Every word that is in your heart and on your mind will one day come out. The words that you think and the words that you say are very powerful. Your words have power to build up and tear down. Your words have the ability to heal. Your words have the ability to kill. Have you ever deeply regretted the words that you have said to others? Yes, many times I have been very sorry about the words that have come out of my mouth. **Have you ever deeply regretted the words that you have said to yourself?** Yes, many times I have been very discouraged by the words that I have had in my heart and on my mind and said to myself.

Do you want to keep a tight rein on your tongue? Yes Lord, I want to think and say words that build others up. I want to think and say words that bring encouragement and healing to all those that hear them. I want to think and say words that are pleasing to you. **Do you want your life to bear fruit through the words that I give you to speak?** Yes Lord, I want my words to bear fruit for your kingdom. I want my words to bring glory to your name. I want my words to be consistent with who I am. **Who are you?** I am your child. I am your follower. **Yes, you are.** You are my Savior and Lord. You are my God and my King. **Yes, I am.** **Listen to me and I will give you the words that I want you to think. Listen to me and I will give you the words that I want you to speak. Let my words be in your heart and on your mind. Let my words be the words that will come out of your heart and mind and mouth. Let my words bless your life. Let my words bless the lives of others.** Yes Lord, I will.

Lord, I have spoken unhelpful and hurtful words I deeply regret. Forgive Me. Help me keep a tight rein on my tongue. Give me words to speak that will build up, encourage and bless others. Bear fruit for your kingdom through the words you give me to speak. Amen

If *Considers Himself Religious*

If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

NIV James 1:26

If *Thinks He Is Religious*

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

ESV James 1:26

If *Claim To Be Religious*

If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless.

NLT James 1:26

If *Thinks He Is Religious*

If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.

NKJV James 1:26

If *Think They Are Religious*

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.

NRSV James 1:26

If *Sets Himself Up As Religious*

Anyone who sets himself up as "religious" by talking a good game is self-deceived. This kind of religion is hot air and only hot air.

MSG James 1:26

If *Thinks Himself To Be Religious*

If anyone thinks himself to be religious (piously observant of the external duties of his faith) and does not bridle his tongue but deludes his own heart, this person's religious service is worthless (futile, barren).

AMP James 1:26

If *Says He Is A Christian*

Anyone who says he is a Christian but doesn't control his sharp tongue is just fooling himself, and his religion isn't worth much.

TLB James 1:26

If *Thinks Himself Religious*

If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless.

NASB James 1:26

If *Think They Are Religious*

People who think they are religious but say things they should not say are just fooling themselves. Their "religion" is worth nothing.

NCV James 1:26

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you as a person of faith, keep a tight rein on your tongue, so that your faith is not useless.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will keep a tight rein on my tongue so that my faith does not become useless.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I keep a tight rein on my tongue so that I will be usable to you today?
