

## SPIRITUAL **GROWTH** PRODUCES WORD **CONTROL**

*“For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.”*

James 3:2

*“but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.”*

II Peter 3:18

- **Commit** to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

*“that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”*

Romans 10:9

- **Continue** attending this series each week (as much as possible).

*“not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”*

Hebrews 10:25

- **Complete** the weekly Growth Guide and Key Verse.

*“as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,”*

I Peter 2:2

- **Contribute** fully to a Growth Group.

*“9 Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor.*

*10 For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up.”*

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

## TONGUE PIERCED The Power Of Words Pastor Steve Reynolds

### INTRODUCTION

- A.** The words you speak every day will shape your life – positively or negatively. It’s up to each of us to decide whether the words we speak every day will lead to life, success and positive relationships or death, destruction and painful memories.

*“For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:”*

I Peter 3:10

- B.** Tongue Pierced will teach you how to choose your words wisely to create the life you want. During this spiritual growth campaign you will learn how the words you speak transform the life you live.

Oct 4	Kick Off Sunday
TODAY	The Power Of Words
Oct 18	What Your Words Say About You
Oct 25	The Most Important Conversations You’ll Ever Have
Nov 1	The Art Of Cursing
Nov 8	The Language Of Love
Nov 15	Go Ahead – Talk To Yourself
Nov 22	Developing An Attitude Of Gratitude
Nov 29	Mastering Confrontation & Conflict
Dec 6	Words That Last

Come and hear these messages and discover how the Bible can help you to be Tongue Pierced!

- C. TEXT:** Proverbs 18:21 (Pew Bible/Pg. 634/Old Testament)

## THE POWER OF WORDS

James 3:1-12 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1185/New Testament)

### POWER OF WORDS

A careless word may kindle strife.  
A cruel word may wreck a life,  
A bitter word may hate instill;  
A brutal word may smite and kill.

A gracious word may smooth the way;  
A joyous word may light the day.  
A timely word may lessen stress;  
A loving word may heal and bless.

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#### I. POWER OF WORDS PRODUCES **INFLUENCE** (3:1-12)

- A. Our tongue has the power to **direct** like a bit or rudder (3:1-4).

*“The lips of the righteous feed many,  
But fools die for lack of wisdom.”* Proverbs 10:21

*“17 Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise,  
And apply your heart to my knowledge;  
18 For it is a pleasant thing if you keep them within  
you; Let them all be fixed upon your lips,”*

Proverbs 22:17-18

- B. Our tongue has the power to **destroy** like a fire or animal (3:5-8).

*“20 Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; And  
where there is no talebearer, strife ceases.  
21 As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire,  
So is a contentious man to kindle strife.”*

Proverbs 26:20-21

*“27 An ungodly man digs up evil, And it is on his  
lips like a burning fire.*

*28 A perverse man sows strife, And a whisperer  
separates the best of friends.”* Proverbs 16:27-28

- C. Our tongue has the power to **delight** like a fountain or tree (3:9-12).

*“Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But  
a good word makes it glad.”* Proverbs 12:25

*“A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, But  
perverseness in it breaks the spirit.”* Proverbs 15:4

#### II. POWER OF WORDS PRODUCES **INIQUITY** (3:6-8)

- A. Many **sins** are linked to the tongue (v6).

*“16 These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are  
an abomination to Him:*

*17 A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed  
innocent blood,*

*18 A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are  
swift in running to evil,*

*19 A false witness who speaks lies, And one who  
sows discord among brethren.”* Proverbs 6:16-19

- B. **You** cannot control your tongue (vs 7-8).

*“Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty  
spirit before a fall.”* Proverbs 16:18

#### III. POWER OF WORDS PRODUCES **INCONSISTENCY** (3:9-12)

- A. It is a **battle** between the Spirit and the flesh (vs 9-10a).

*“16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not  
fulfill the lust of the flesh.*

*17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the  
Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to  
one another, so that you do not do the things that  
you wish.”* Galatians 5:16-17

- B. The goal is consistent **obedience** with your tongue (vs 10b-12).

*“Keep your tongue from evil, And your lips from  
speaking deceit.”* Psalm 34:13