

# What Is Your Overflow?

James 3:2 (NIV) We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check. 3 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. 4 Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. 5 Likewise 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. 6 The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. 7 All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, 8 but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. 10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. 11 Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? 12 My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Matt 12:34 (NIV) ...For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.

## 1. When Our \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_

(Psa 15:1-4 NIV) A psalm of David. LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill? {2} He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart {3} and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellowman, {4} who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the LORD, who keeps his oath even when it hurts,

(Psa 52:2-4 NIV) Your tongue plots destruction; it is like a sharpened razor, you who practice deceit. {3} You love evil rather than good, falsehood rather than speaking the truth. Selah {4} You love every harmful word, O you deceitful tongue!

(Prov 6:16-19 NIV) There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: {17} haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, {18} a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, {19} a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.

(Mat 12:36-37 NIV) But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. {37} For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

## 2. When We Are \_\_\_\_\_ by Others

(James 4:11-12 NIV) Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. {12} There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?

### We Were:

- created in God's image (Gen 1:26)
- loved by God enough to send His son (John 3:16)
- bought by God (1 Cor 6:20)
- adopted by God (Eph 1:5)
- loved as children of God (1 Jn 3:1)
- heirs of God (Rom 8:17)
- given the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:11)

## 3. When We Are \_\_\_\_\_

(Mat 5:11-12 NIV) "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. {12} Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

(Prov 17:27 NIV) A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even-tempered.

(1 Pet 3:10 NIV) For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech.

(1 Cor 4:12-13 NIV) We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; {13} when we are slandered, we answer kindly...

## 4. When We Are Given \_\_\_\_\_

(Prov 10:8 NIV) The wise in heart accept commands, but a chattering fool comes to ruin.

(1 Pet 5:5 KJV) Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

## 5. When We Get \_\_\_\_\_

(Eccl 3:7 NIV) ... a time to be silent and a time to speak...

(Prov 29:20 NIV) Do you see a man who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

(Prov 10:19 NIV) When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.

(Prov 18:7 NIV) A fool's mouth is his undoing, and his lips are a snare to his soul.

(Prov 21:23 NIV) He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity.

(Prov 16:18 KJV) Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

(Prov 27:2 KJV) Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

## 6. When We See Others \_\_\_\_\_

(Prov 18:8 KJV) The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

(Prov 26:20 NIV) Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down.

(Prov 17:9 NIV) He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.

## 7. When You Are Without \_\_\_\_\_!

(Luke 6:45 NIV) The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

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