

# Say, “Aaah.”

## THE POWER OF YOUR WORDS

*Isaiah 59:1-3 Listen! The Lord’s arm is not too weak to save you, nor is his ear too deaf to hear you call. 2 It’s your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore. 3 Your hands are the hands of murderers, and your fingers are filthy with sin. Your lips are full of lies, and your mouth spews corruption.*

## Ten Symptoms of a Sick Tongue

### Symptom #1: Telling the \_\_\_\_\_

*Proverbs 6:16-19 There are six things the Lord hates—no, seven things he detests: 17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, 18 a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, 19 a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord in a family.*

*Proverbs 12:22 The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth.*

*John 14:6 Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.*

*John 8:44 [Satan] has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

### Symptom #2: Stirring Up \_\_\_\_\_

*Proverbs 6:19 a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord in a family.*

*Proverbs 6:12-15 A worthless person, a wicked man, Walks with a perverse mouth; 13 He winks with his eyes, He shuffles his feet, He points with his fingers; 14 Perversity is in his heart, He devises evil continually, He sows discord. 15 Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly; Suddenly he shall be broken without remedy.*

*Titus 3:9-11 But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless. 10 Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them. 11 You may be sure that such people are warped and sinful; they are self-condemned.*

*James 3:18 And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.*

*2nd Corinthians 5:18-19 And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. 19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.*

## Symptom #3: Dishing the \_\_\_\_\_

**Gossip:** casual or unconstrained conversation or reports about other people.

**Gossip:** a person who habitually spreads intimate or private rumors or facts.

**Gossip:** a person who likes talking about other people's private lives.

Proverbs 20:19 *A gossip goes around telling secrets, so don't hang around with chatterers.*

Proverbs 16:28 *A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends.*

2nd Corinthians 12:20 *For I am afraid that when I come I won't like what I find, and you won't like my response. I am afraid that I will find quarreling, jealousy, anger, selfishness, slander, gossip, arrogance, and disorderly behavior.*

## Symptom #4: Passing Along \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 140:11 (NIV) *May slanderers not be established in the land; may disaster hunt down the violent.*

Proverbs 10:18 *Hiding hatred makes you a liar; slandering others makes you a fool.*

## Symptom #5: Breaking \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 18:8 *The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels; they go down into the inner parts of the body.*

Proverbs 11:13 *A gossip goes around telling secrets, but those who are trustworthy can keep a confidence.*

James 5:16 *Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.*

## Symptom #6: Speaking \_\_\_\_\_ Instead of \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 109:17-18 *As he loved cursing, so let it come to him; As he did not delight in blessing, so let it be far from him. 18 As he clothed himself with cursing as with his garment, So let it enter his body like water, And like oil into his bones.*

1 Thessalonians 3:12 (Message) *May the Master pour on the love so it fills your lives and splashes over on everyone around you, just as it does from us to you.*