



**Me And My Big Mouth**  
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[James 3:1-12 NLT](#)

**"Open your mouth and say ahhhhhh"**

[James 3:1-2 NLT](#)

The bit  
The rudder  
Animals being tamed



\*Times when we speak our minds and say just a bit too much...  
\*Times when our anger gets the best of us and we spout off with our mouths...  
\*Times when we know a juicy tidbit of info and just have to share it...

Nature  
Nurture  
Negative attitude  
Newness in Christ

**The tongue has the power to destroy**

\*How many reputations have been ruined by careless words?  
\*How much hurt has been caused by false accusations?  
\*How many lives have been affected by someone's words?

"Richard's chubby little sister."

Fire  
Poison

Words have the ability to harm others, like venom from a snake and they have the ability to corrode and destroy areas of a person's life.

**Your mouth just sold you out**

[Matthew 12:34 NCV](#) "...The mouth speaks the things that are in the heart."

Blessing  
Cursing

To cause to prosper or to bring happiness

[Ephesians 4:29 NCV](#)

To bring evil upon

THINK...

T- Is it true?

H- Is it helpful?  
I- Is it inspiring?  
N- Is it necessary?  
K- Is it kind?

Talk less...

"It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to open your mouth and remove all doubt."  
Abraham Lincoln

[Proverbs 10:19 NIV](#)

You'd be surprised how many notes I crumpled up and threw into the trash before I gave them to anyone. Seeing my words before anyone heard them had an effect that I don't think I can ever forget."

Build up others...

[Proverbs 12:25 NIV](#)

Keep your words sweet- you may have to eat them...

Have heart surgery...