

**HOW MANY WORDS DOES THE AVERAGE PERSON
SPEAK PER DAY?**

**HOW MANY WORDS DOES THE AVERAGE PERSON
HEAR A DAY?**

**HOW MANY WORDS PER MINUTE DO YOU
USUALLY SPEAK**

JAMES 3:1-12

THE TONGUE HAS THE POTENTIAL TO DO FOUR THINGS

- 1. CONDEMN (3:1)**
- 2. CONTROL (3:2-5a)**
- 3. CONTAMINATE (3:5b-8)**
- 4. CONTRADICT (3:9-12)**





THE TONGUES DESTRUCTIVE POWER

Gossip

Involves saying behind a person's back what you would never say to his or her face

Flattery (sweet talk)

Proverbs 26:28

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Criticism (fault finding)

Someone once said to John Wesley, “My talent is to speak my mind.” Wesley replied, “That’s one talent God wouldn’t care a bit if you buried!”

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Diminishment

*James 4:11 Do not speak against one another,
brethren...(NASB)*

Sarcasm

Lies & deception

Manipulation

We read and hear many words every day and forget what a wonderful thing a word is! When God gave us the faculty of speech, He gave us a tool to build with; but it can also become a weapon of destruction.

Wiersbe's expository outlines on the NT