## **Watching our Tongues**

"Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit." (Psa 34:13)

"Rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing." (Prov 12:18)

"Gentle words are a tree of life; deceitful tongue crushes the spirit." (Prov 15:4, NLT)

"A fool's lips bring strife...." (**Prov 18:6**)

"The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences." (**Prov 18:21, NLT**)

"To watch over mouth and tongue is to keep out of trouble." (Prov 21:23)

"Like a thornbush brandished by the hand of a drunkard is a proverb in the mouth of a fool." (Prov 26:9)

"Never be rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be quick to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven, and you upon earth; therefore let your words be few." (Ecc 5:2)

"Do not let your mouth lead you into sin..." (Ecc 5:6)

"A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart." (Luke 6:45, NLT)

"But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage ...slander, and dirty language. Don't lie to each other...." (Col 3:8 – 9, NLT)

"...And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire..." (James 3:4-6)