

# Christian Living Studies – Study 13

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(A simple, comprehensive bible study for NEW CHRISTIANS)

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## Christian Character

### STUDY 13      DEVELOPING INTEGRITY

#### POWER OF THE TONGUE

1. How is the tongue described? (James 3:8 – 10, Psalm 52:2 – 4)
2. What are three warnings about the tongue? (Proverbs 10:19, Proverbs 17:9, James 1:26)
3. How does God want your tongue to be used? (Isaiah 50:4, Psalm 35:28, Psalm 145:10 – 12)
4. What instruction does God give you about your speech? (James 4:11, Ephesians 4:15, 25, Proverbs 21:23)
5. What does your speech reveal? (Matthew 12:34 – 35)
6. What is the characteristic of the foolish person? (Ecclesiastes 10:14, Proverbs 15:12, Proverbs 29:11)
7. What can your gracious and appropriate words do? (Proverbs 12:25, 16:24, 15:1, Ephesians 4:29)
8. Look at what you've learned about the tongue and consider Psalm 141:3. In what area do you most need to pray for the Lord to guard your speech?

#### HOW IMPORTANT IS PURITY

9. What does God promise the pure in heart? (Psalm 24:3 – 5, Matthew 5:8)
10. What is God's standard for holy living? (1 Peter 1:14 – 15)
11. What is God's standard for impurity? (Matthew 5:27 – 28)
12. Where do evil desires come from? (Mark 7:21, 23, Galatians 5:19)

13. How does God describe those who practice impurity? (Ephesians 4:18 – 19)
14. What is God's command concerning your speech? (Ephesians 5:3 – 4)
15. Why should a Christian avoid immorality? (1 Thessalonians 4:3, 7 – 8, 1 Corinthians 6:15 – 20, 1 John 2:15 – 16)
16. What can you do toward living a clean life pleasing to the Lord? (Galatians 5:16, Proverbs 7:1 – 3, 5, Psalm 51:10, 2 Timothy 2:22, Colossians 3:5)

#### IMMORALITY

In Proverbs 7:2, 5 – 6 notice how a personal knowledge and application of God's Word is protection against immorality.

17. What is the best summary verse on purity? On avoiding impurity? What are some things that tempt your thinking away from God's standards and what can you do to avoid them?

#### WHY BE HONEST?

18. What are God's goals for you? (2 Corinthians 8:2, Luke 6:31)
19. What should be true in your dealings with others? (Leviticus 19:11, 25:14, Deuteronomy 25:13 – 16)
20. What does God want? (Zechariah 6:17, Ephesians 4:28, Romans 13:7, Deuteronomy 24:14 – 15)
21. Where does dishonesty originate? (John 8:44, Colossians 3:9 – 10)
22. What does God see? (Amos 5:12, Hebrews 4:13)
23. What effect does dishonesty have on prayer? (Isaiah 59:1 – 3)
24. How does Paul describe a clear conscience? (Acts 24:16)
25. What did David do to maintain his honesty? (Psalm 119:29 – 30)