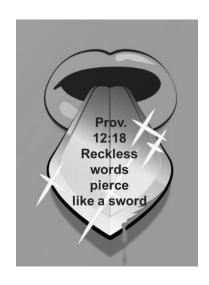
What the **New Testament** says about our **Tongue**





ALWAYS being
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POSITIVE &
ENCOURAGING





& NEVER
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COMPLAINING



- 1. Mt. 5:22 But I tell you that anyone who is **angry** with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the **fire** of **hell**.
- 2. Mt. 5:43-48 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I tell you, **love** your **enemies** and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you **love** those who **love** you, **what reward** will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you **greet only your own people**, what are you **doing more than others**? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be **perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect**.
- 3. Mt. 7:1-5 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. ³ "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.
- 4. Mt. 12:33-35 "Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. ³⁴ You brood of vipers, how can you who are **evil say anything good**? For the **mouth speaks what the heart is full of**. ³⁵ A **good** man brings **good** things out of the **good** stored up in him, and an **evil** man brings evil things out of the **evil** stored up in him.
- 5. Mt. 12:36- 37 But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. ³⁷ For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."
- 6. Mt. 15:19 For out of the heart come **evil thoughts**—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, **slander**.
- 7. Mt. 18:15-16 "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'
- 8. Mk. 9:49-50 Everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and **be at peace with each other**."

- 9. Mk. 12:29-31 "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."
- 10. Luke 6:27-38 "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."
- 11. <u>Luke 6:41-45</u> "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. ⁴³ "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. ⁴⁴ Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briers. ⁴⁵ A **good man** brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an **evil man brings evil things out of the evil** stored up in his heart. For the **mouth speaks what the heart is full of.**
- 12. <u>Luke 12:57-59</u> "Why don't you judge for yourselves what is right? ⁵⁸ As you are going with your adversary to the magistrate, **try hard to be reconciled on the way**, or your adversary may drag you off to the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. ⁵⁹ I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny."
- 13. <u>John 14:21</u> Whoever **has my commands and keeps them** is the **one who loves me**. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

- 14. <u>John 14:23-24</u> Jesus replied, "Anyone who **loves me will obey my teaching**. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who do**es not love me will not obey my teaching.** These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.
- 15. <u>John 15:9-14</u> "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now **remain in my love.** ¹⁰ **If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love,** just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² **My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you**. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command.
- 16. John 15:17 This is my command: Love each other.
- 17. <u>John 16:20-23</u> "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them **may be one**, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to **complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me** and have loved them even as you have loved me.
- 18. <u>John 21:15-17</u> When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, **do you love me more than these?**" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, **do you love me?**" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." ¹⁷ The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, **do you love me?**" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep.
- 19. Romans 1:29-32 They have become filled with **every kind of wickedness**, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are **gossips**, ³⁰ **slanderers**, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; ³¹ they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. ³² Although they **know God's righteous decree** that those who **do such things** deserve **death**, they not only continue to do these very things but also **approve of those who practice them**.
- 20. <u>Romans 2:7-8</u> To those who by **persistence** in **doing good** seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give **eternal life.** ⁸ But for those who are **self-seeking** and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be **wrath** and anger.

- 21. Romans 3:13-18 "Their **throats** are **open graves**; their **tongues** practice **deceit**." "The **poison** of **vipers** is on their **lips**." ¹⁴ "Their **mouths** are full of **cursing** and **bitterness**." ¹⁵ "Their feet are swift to shed blood; ¹⁶ ruin and misery mark their ways, ¹⁷ and the way of peace they do not know." ¹⁸ "There is **no fear of God** before their eyes."
- 22. Romans 12:9-10 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be **devoted** to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.
- 23. <u>Romans 12:14-16</u> **Bless** those who **persecute** you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ **Live in harmony** with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.
- 24. Romans 12:17-18 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.
- 25. <u>Romans 13:8-10</u> Let no debt remain outstanding, except the **continuing debt** to **love one another**, for whoever **loves others has fulfilled the law**..... whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore **love is the fulfillment of the law**.
- 26. Romans 14:4 Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.
- 27. Romans. 14:12-13 So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. ¹³ Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.
- 28. Romans 14:19 Let us therefore **make every effort** to do what leads to **peace** and to **mutual edification**.
- 29. Romans 14:22 So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who does not condemn himself by what he approves.
- 30. Romans 15:1 We who are **strong** ought to **bear** with the **failings** of the **weak** and **not** to **please** ourselves.
- 31. Romans 15:7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.
- 32. Romans 15:14-15 I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are **full** of **goodness**, filled with knowledge and competent to instruct one another. ¹⁵ Yet I have written you quite boldly on some points to **remind you of them again**, because of the grace God gave me

- 33. <u>I Cor. 1:10</u> I **appeal** to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you **agree** with one another in what you say and that there be **no divisions** among you, but that you be **perfectly united** in mind and thought.
- 34. <u>I Cor. 3:3</u> You are still **worldly**. For since there is **jealousy** and **quarreling** among you, are you not **worldly**?
- 35. I Cor. 10:10 And do **not grumble**, as some of them did—and were **killed** by the **destroying angel**.
- 36. <u>I Cor. 10:32-33</u> Do **not cause anyone to stumble**, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— ³³ even as I **try to please everyone** in **every way.** For I am **not seeking my own good** but the good of **many**, so that **they may be saved**.
- 37. I Cor. 13:1-3 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do **not have love**, I am only a **resounding gong** or a **clanging cymbal**. ² If I have the gift of **prophecy** and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a **faith that can move mountains**, but do **not have love**, I am **nothing**. ³ If I **give all I possess to the poor** and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I **gain nothing**.
- 38. <u>I Cor. 13:4-7</u> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
- 39. <u>I Cor. 13:8-13</u> Love **never fails**. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a **child**, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I **became** a **man**, I put the **ways** of **childhood behind me**. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. ¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the **greatest of these is love**.
- 40. <u>II Cor. 6:3-6</u> We put **no stumbling block** in **anyone's path**, so that our ministry will not be discredited. ⁴ Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; ⁵ in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; ⁶ in **purity, understanding, patience** and **kindness**; in the Holy Spirit and in **sincere love**;
- 41. <u>II Cor. 13:11</u> Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, **encourage one another**, be of **one mind**, live in **peace**. And the **God of love and peace** will be with you.

- 42. <u>Gal.5:13-15</u> You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do **not use** your **freedom** to indulge the **flesh**; rather, **serve one another humbly in love**. ¹⁴ For the **entire law** is fulfilled in keeping this **one command**: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ If you **bite and devour** each other, **watch** out or you will be **destroyed by each other**.
- 43. <u>Gal. 5:22-26</u> But the **fruit** of the Spirit is **love**, **joy**, **peace**, **forbearance**, **kindness**, **goodness**, **faithfulness**, ²³ **gentleness and self-control**. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have **crucified** the **flesh** with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us **not** become **conceited**, **provoking** and **envying** each other.
- 44. <u>Gal. 6:7-10</u> Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A **man reaps** what he **sows**. ⁸ Whoever sows to please their **flesh**, from the **flesh** will reap **destruction**; whoever sows to please the **Spirit**, from the **Spirit** will reap **eternal life**. ⁹ Let us **not become weary** in doing **good**, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us **do good to all people**, **especially** to those who belong to the **family of believers**.
- 45. <u>Eph. 3:16-18</u> I **pray** that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with **power** through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being **rooted** and **established** in **love**, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the **love** of Christ, ¹⁹ and to **know this love that surpasses knowledge**—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.
- 46. Eph. 4:1-3 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.
- 47. Eph. 4:29-32 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
- 48. <u>Eph. 5:1-2</u> **Follow God's example**, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and **walk in the way of love**, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
- 49. <u>Eph. 5:4</u> **Nor** should there be **obscenity**, **foolish talk** or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather **thanksgiving**.
- 50. <u>Eph. 5:8-9</u> For you were **once darkness**, but now you are light in the Lord. **Live as children of light**9 (for the **fruit** of the **light** consists in all **goodness**, **righteousness and truth**)

- 51. Phil 2:1-3 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,
- 52. Phil. 2:14-16 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.
- 53. Phil. 4:5 Let your **gentleness** be **evident** to **all**. The **Lord** is **near**.
- 54. Phil. 4:8-9 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is **true**, whatever is **noble**, whatever is **right**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **admirable**—if anything is **excellent** or **praiseworthy**—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—**put it into practice**. And the God of peace will be with you.
- 55. <u>Col. 2:2</u> My **goal** is that they may be **encouraged** in heart and **united** in **love**, so that they may have the **full riches** of **complete understanding**, in order that they may **know** the mystery of God, namely, **Christ**,
- 56. <u>Col. 3:6-8</u> Because of these, the **wrath** of **God** is **coming**. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must also **rid yours**elves of all such things as these: **anger, rage**, **malice**, **slander**, and **filthy language** from your lips.
- 57. <u>Col. 3:12-15</u> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with **compassion**, **kindness**, **humility**, **gentleness** and **patience**. ¹³ **Bear with each other** and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues **put on love**, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ Let the **peace** of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be **thankful**
- 58. <u>Col. 4:6</u> Let your **conversation** be **always full** of **grace**, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to **answer everyone**.
- 59. <u>I Thess. 3:12-13</u> May the **Lord** make your **love increase** and **overflow** for **each other** and for **everyone else**, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he **strengthen** your **hearts** so that you will be **blameless** and **holy** in the **presence** of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

- 60. <u>I Thess. 4:9-12</u> Now about your **love** for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been **taught by God to love each other**. ¹⁰ And in fact, you **do love all of God's** family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to **do so more and more**, ¹¹ and to make it your **ambition** to lead a **quiet life**: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, ¹² so that your **daily life may win the respect of outsiders** and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.
- 61. <u>I Thess. 5:16-18</u> Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ **give thanks** in **all circumstances**; for this is **God's will** for you in Christ Jesus.
- 62. <u>II Thess. 3:6</u> In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to **keep** away from every **believer** who is **idle** and **disruptive** and does **not live according to the teaching** you received from us.
- 63. <u>I Tim. 2:8</u> Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands **without anger** or **disputing**.
- 64. <u>I Tim. 6:4-6</u> They are **conceited** and understand nothing. They have an **unhealthy interest** in **controversies** and **quarrels** about **words** that result in **envy, strife**, **malicious talk**, **evil suspicions** ⁵ and **constant friction** between people of **corrupt mind**.
- 65. <u>I Tim. 6:11</u> But you, man of God, **flee** from all this, and pursue **righteousness**, **godliness**, **faith**, **love**, **endurance** and **gentleness**.
- 66. <u>II Tim. 2:22-25</u> Flee the evil desires of youth and **pursue righteousness**, **faith**, **love** and **peace**, along with those who call on the Lord out of a **pure** heart. ²³ **Don't have anything** to do with **foolish** and **stupid arguments**, because you know they produce **quarrels**. ²⁴ And the **Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome** but must be **kind** to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. ²⁵ Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth,
- 67. <u>II Tim. 3:1-5</u> But mark this: There will be **terrible times** in the **last days**. ² People will be **lovers** of **themselves**, lovers of money, **boastful**, **proud**, **abusive**, disobedient to their parents, **ungrateful**, unholy, ³ without love, unforgiving, **slanderous**, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ⁴ treacherous, rash, **conceited**, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— ⁵ having a **form** of **godliness but denying its power**. Have nothing to do with such people.
- 68. <u>Titus 3:9-11</u> 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**.

- 69. <u>Philemon 7</u> Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because **you, brother**, have **refreshed** the **hearts** of the **Lord's people**.
- 70. Heb. 10:24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.
- 71. Heb. 13:1 **Keep on loving** one another as brothers and sisters
- 72. <u>Heb. 13: 15</u> Through Jesus, therefore, let us **continually** offer to God a **sacrifice** of **praise**—the **fruit** of **lips** that **openly profess** his name.
- 73. <u>Ja. 1:19-20</u> My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: **Everyone** should be **quick** to **listen**, **slow** to **speak** and **slow** to become **angry**, ²⁰ because **human anger** does **not produce** the **righteousness** that **God desires**.
- 74. <u>Ja. 1:26</u> Those who consider themselves religious and yet do **not** keep a **tight rein** on their **tongues deceive** themselves, and their **religion** is **worthless**.
- 75. <u>Ja. 2:13</u> because **judgment without mercy** will be shown to anyone who has **not** been **merciful**. Mercy triumphs over judgment.
- 76. <u>Ja. 3:2</u> We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is **never** at **fault** in what they say is **perfect**, able to keep their **whole body** in check.
- 77. <u>Ja. 3:5-6</u> Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes **great boasts**. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶ The tongue also is a **fire**, a world of **evil** among the parts of the body. It **corrupts the whole body**, sets the **whole course of one's life on fire**, and is **itself** set on **fire** by **hell**.
- 78. <u>Ja. 3: 9-12</u> With the **tongue** we **praise** our Lord and Father, and with it we **curse** human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰ Out of the **same mouth** come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should **not be**. ¹¹ Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹² My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? **Neither** can a **salt** spring produce **fresh** water.
- 79. <u>Ja. 3:13</u> Who is **wise** and **understanding** among you? Let them **show** it by their **good life**, by deeds done in the **humility** that comes from wisdom.
- 80. <u>Ja. 3:14-16</u> But if you harbor bitter **envy** and **selfish ambition** in your hearts, do not **boast** about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is **earthly**, **unspiritual**, **demonic**. ¹⁶ For where you have **envy** and **selfish ambition**, there you find **disorder** and **every evil practice**.

- 81. <u>Ja. 3:17-18</u> But the **wisdom** that comes from **heaven** is first of all **pure**; then **peace**-loving, **considerate**, **submissive**, full of **mercy** and **good fruit**, **impartial** and **sincere**. ¹⁸ **Peacemakers** who sow in **peace** reap a harvest of **righteousness**.
- 82. <u>Ja. 4:1-3</u> What causes **fights** and **quarrels** among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ² You desire but do not have, so you kill. You **covet** but you cannot get what you want, so you **quarrel** and **fight**. You do not have because you do not ask God. ³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with **wrong motives**, that you may spend what you get on your **pleasures**.
- 83. <u>Ja. 4:11 12</u> Brothers and sisters, do **not slander** one another. Anyone who **speaks against** a brother or sister or **judges** them speaks against the **law** and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. ¹² There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—**who are you to judge your neighbor**?
- 84. <u>Ja. 5:9</u> **Don't grumble** against one another, brothers and sisters, or **you will be judged**. The **Judge** is **standing** at the **door**!
- 85. <u>I Pt. 1:14-16</u> As obedient children, do **not conform** to the **evil desires** you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so **be holy in all you do**; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be **holy, because I am holy."**
- 86. <u>I Pt. 2:1</u> Therefore, **rid** yourselves of all **malice** and all **deceit**, **hypocrisy**, **envy**, and **slander** of **every kind**.
- 87. <u>I Pt. 2:12</u> Live **such good lives** among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may **see your good deeds** and glorify God on the day he visits us.
- 88. I Pt. 3:8-11 Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. 9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. 10 For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. 11 They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it.
- 89. <u>I Pt. 4:8-9</u> Above all, **love each other deeply**, because **love** covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another **without grumbling**.
- 90. <u>II Pt. 1:5-7</u> For this very reason, **make every effort** to add to your faith **goodness**; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to **self-control**, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, **mutual affection**; and to mutual affection, **love**.

- 91. <u>II Pt. 3:11</u> Since **everything** will be **destroyed** in this way, what **kind** of **people** ought you to be? You ought to live **holy** and **godly** lives.
- 92. <u>II Pt. 3:14</u> So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make **every effort** to be found **spotless**, **blameless** and at **peace** with him.
- 93. <u>I Jn. 1:9</u> Anyone who **claims** to be in the **light** but **hates** a brother or sister is **still** in the **darkness**.
- 94. <u>I Jn. 3:14</u> We know that we have passed from death to life, because we **love** each other. **Anyone** who does **not love** remains in **death**.
- 95. <u>I Jn. 4:7-8</u> Dear friends, let us **love one another**, for love comes from God. **Everyone** who **loves** has been **born** of God and **knows** God. ⁸ Whoever does **not love** does **not know** God, because **God** is **love**.
- 96. <u>I Jn. 4:11-12</u> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also **ought to love one another**. ¹² No one has ever **seen God**; but if we **love one another**, **God lives in us** and his **love** is made **complete** in us.
- 97. <u>I Jn. 4:16-17</u> God is **love**. Whoever **lives** in **love lives** in **God**, and **God in them**. ¹⁷ This is how **love** is made **complete** among us so that we will have **confidence** on the **day** of **judgment**: In this world we are **like Jesus**.
- 98. <u>I Jn. 4:19-21</u> We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Whoever **claims** to **love God yet hates** a brother or sister is a **liar**. For whoever does **not love** their brother and sister, whom they **have seen**, **cannot love God**, whom they have **not seen**. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who **loves God** must **also love** their brother and sister.
- 99. <u>II Jn. 6</u> And this is **love**: that we walk in **obedience** to his **commands**. As you have heard from the beginning, his **command** is that you **walk in love**.
- 100. <u>Jude 16</u> These people are **grumblers** and **faultfinders**; they follow their **own evil desires**; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage.