

James 3 – Connections to Psalms, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes



Below is a list of all relevant uses of these three words in Psalms, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes that are associated with or indicative of a person's character. Look up all the references in the table and write the relevant phrase(s) in the space provided. Find the key theme or common characteristic directly involved in all quotations within the section, and write it in the space provided at the top of each section. If you have time, further your understanding and conviction of these attributes by looking up some of the other references that have been provided at the bottom of most sections. (Note: This exercise may take some time, but is highly helpful in understanding how the tongue is used, and how we ought to use it).

Negative Attributes:

Attribute:	
Prov 12:13 (lips)	
Prov 19:28 (mouth)	
Ecc 5:6 (mouth)	

See also Psa 17:3 (mouth); 36:3 (mouth); 39:1 (tongue); 59:12 (mouth); 107:42 (mouth); Prov 16:10 (mouth).

Attribute:	
Psa 34:13 (tongue)	
Psa 50:19 (mouth)	
Prov 16:30 (lips)	

See also Psa 140:11 (tongue); Prov 15:28 (mouth).

Attribute:	
Prov 10:32 (mouth)	
Prov 11:11 (mouth)	
Prov 15:28 (mouth)	

See also Psa 109:2 (mouth); Prov 8:7 (lips); 10:6,11 (mouth); 12:13 (lips); 17:4 (lips); 19:28 (mouth).

Attribute:	
Psa 63:11 (mouth)	

Prov 6:17 (tongue)	
Prov 12:22 (lips)	

See also Psa 31:18 (lips); 59:12 (lips); 62:4 (mouth); 78:36 (tongue); 109:2 (tongue); 120:2 (lips); 144:8,11 (mouth); Prov 10:18 (lips); 12:19 (tongue); 17:4 (tongue); 17:7 (lips); 21:6 (tongue); 26:28 (tongue).

Attribute:	
Psa 50:19 (tongue)	
Psa 52:4 (tongue)	
Prov 24:28 (lips)	

See also Psa 10:7 (mouth); 17:1 (lips); 34:13 (lips); 35:20-21 (mouth); 36:3 (mouth); 52:2 (tongue); 62:4 (mouth); 109:2 (mouth); 120:2-3 (tongue); Prov 20:17 (mouth); 26:24 (lips).

Attribute:	
Prov 4:24 (mouth and lips)	
Prov 8:13 (mouth)	
Prov 17:20 (tongue)	

See also Prov 6:12 (mouth); 8:8 (mouth); 10:31 (tongue); 10:32 (mouth); 15:4 (tongue); 19:1 (lips).

Attribute:	
Psa 52:2 (tongue)	
Psa 140:9 (lips)	
Prov 24:2 (lips)	

See also Psa 10:7 (tongue); Prov 17:4 (tongue); Ecc 10:13 (mouth).

Attribute:	
Psa 31:20 (tongue)	
Prov 18:6 (lips)	
Prov 25:23 (tongue)	

See also Psa 15:3 (tongue).

Attribute:	
Psa 12:3,4 (tongue and lips)	
Psa 17:10 (mouth)	
Prov 27:1-2 (mouth and lips)	

See also Psa 59:7 (mouth); 59:12 (lips); 73:8-9 (mouth); 73:9 (tongue); Prov 14:3 (mouth).

Attribute:	
Prov 10:6,11 (mouth)	
Prov 11:9 (mouth)	
Prov 18:7 (mouth)	

See also Prov 30:10 (tongue).

This attribute (above) can be manifested in the three following attributes.

Attribute:	
Prov 16:27 (lips)	
Prov 26:23 (lips)	

Attribute:	
Psa 140:3 (tongue and lips)	
Ecc 10:11 (tongue)	

Attribute:	
Psa 57:4 (tongue)	
Psa 59:7 (lips)	
Psa 64:3 (tongue)	

See also Psa 55:21 (mouth); Psa 64:8 (tongue).

Attribute:	
Psa 78:36 (mouth)	
Prov 7:21 (lips)	
Prov 28:23 (tongue)	

See also Psa 5:9 (tongue); 12:2 (lips); 12:3 (lips); 55:21 (mouth); 62:4 (mouth); Prov 5:3 (lips and mouth); 6:24 (tongue); 14:23 (lips); 20:19 (lips); 26:28 (mouth).

Attribute:	
Prov 6:2 (mouth)	
Prov 12:13 (lips)	
Prov 18:7 (lips)	

Attribute:	
Prov 15:2 (mouth)	
Prov 26:7 (mouth)	
Ecc 10:12 (lips)	

See also Prov 10:8 (lips); 10:14 (mouth); 14:3 (mouth); 14:7 (lips); 15:14 (mouth); 17:7 (lips); 18:6 (lips and mouth); 18:7 (mouth and lips); 24:7 (mouth); 26:9 (mouth); Ecc 10:13 (mouth).

Positive Attributes:

Attribute:	
Psa 34:1 (mouth)	
Psa 35:28 (tongue)	
Psa 40:3 (mouth)	

See also Psa 30:12 (tongue); 51:14 (tongue); 51:15 (lips and mouth); 63:3 (lips); 63:5 (mouth and lips); 66:17 (tongue); 71:8 (mouth); 71:14-15 (mouth); 71:22-23 (lips); 71:24 (tongue); 89:1 (mouth); 109:30 (mouth); 119:108 (mouth); 119:171 (lips); 126:2 (mouth and tongue); 145:21 (mouth); 149:6 (mouth).

Attribute:	
Psa 54:2 (mouth)	
Psa 66:13-14 (lips and mouth)	
Psa 66:17,19-20 (mouth)	

See also Psa 21:2 (lips).

Attribute:	
Psa 119:43 (mouth)	
Psa 119:103 (mouth)	
Psa 119:172 (tongue)	

See also Psa 50:16 (mouth); 78:1-2 (mouth); 119:13 (lips); 119:131 (mouth).

Attribute:	
Prov 15:7 (lips)	
Prov 16:21 (lips)	
Prov 20:15 (lips)	

See also Psa 45:1 (tongue); Prov 2:6 (mouth); 5:2 (lips); 14:7 (lips); 15:2 (tongue); 16:23 (lips); 22:17-18 (lips).

Attribute:	
Prov 10:21 (lips)	
Prov 16:13 (lips)	
Prov 23:16 (lips)	

See also Psa 37:30 (mouth); 40:9 (lips); Prov 8:6 (lips); 8:8 (mouth); 10:11 (mouth); 10:20 (tongue); 10:32 (lips); 12:6 (mouth); 24:26 (lips).

Attribute:	
Prov 8:7 (mouth)	

Attribute:	
Psa 37:30 (tongue)	
Psa 119:13 (mouth)	
Prov 16:10 (lips)	

See also Prov 31:9.

Attribute:	
Psa 5:9 (mouth)	

Attribute:	
Psa 45:2 (lips)	
Prov 22:11 (lips)	
Ecc 10:12 (mouth)	

Attribute:	
Psa 71:23 (lips)	
Psa 126:2,5,6 (mouth and tongue)	
Prov 15:23 (mouth)	

See also Psa 63:5 (lips).

Attribute:	
Prov 31:8 (mouth)	
Prov 31:9 (mouth)	
Prov 31:26 (tongue)	

See also Prov 10:21 (lips); 12:6 (mouth); 25:15 (tongue).

Attribute:	
Psa 49:3 (mouth)	
Prov 14:3 (lips)	
Prov 31:26 (mouth)	

See also Psa 37:30 (mouth); Prov 10:13 (lips); 10:31 (mouth); 12:18 (tongue); 15:2 (tongue); 15:7 (lips); 16:23 (mouth); Ecc 10:12 (mouth).

Neutral/Both Positive and Negative Attributes:

Attribute:	
Psa 139:4 (tongue)	
Prov 16:1,9 (tongue)	

Attribute:	
Psa 106:33 (lips)	
Ecc 5:2 (mouth)	

The following attribute is the opposite of the previous one.

Attribute:	
Psa 39:2-3 (tongue)	

Attribute:	
Psa 39:1-2 (mouth)	
Prov 10:19 (lips)	
Prov 21:23 (mouth and tongue)	

See also Psa 32:9 (mouth); 38:13 (mouth); 38:14 (mouth); 39:9 (mouth); 141:3 (mouth and lips); Prov 5:2 (lips); 13:3 (mouth and lips); 17:27-28 (lips); 30:32 (mouth).

Attribute:	
Prov 12:14 (mouth); 12:18 (tongue)	
Prov 13:2 (mouth); 13:3 (mouth and lips)	
Prov 18:20 (mouth and lips); 18:21 (tongue)	

This attribute (above) is expressed in the following two attributes.

Attribute:	
Prov 10:11 (mouth)	
Prov 15:4 (tongue)	

Attribute:	
Prov 10:14 (mouth)	
Prov 11:9 (mouth)	
Prov 18:7 (mouth and lips)	

See also Prov 22:14 (mouth).

Summary Attribute:	
Psa 19:14 (mouth)	

Now that you've found all the characteristics of the tongue (or at least the ones found in Psalms, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes), look over them once more and examine yourself. Circle any negative attributes that you have and need to remove from your speech. Circle any positive attributes that you lack and want to start using more in your speech. Be proactive and start making a change in the way you think and speak, while it is called today. (One way to do this may be to write a list of all the attributes you've circled, then stick it to the wall above your bed so you can review each night how you've progressed or failed that day).