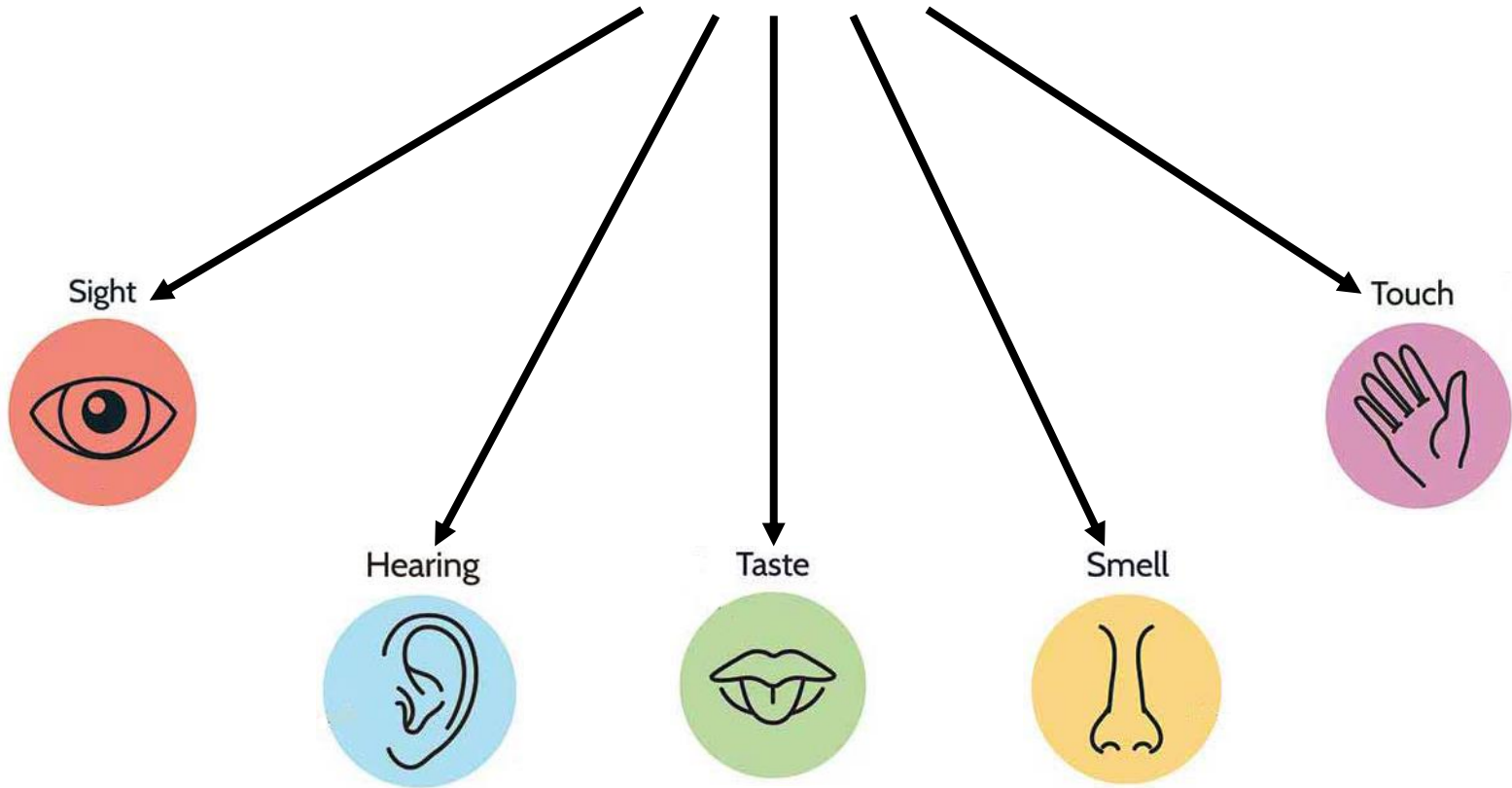


5 Senses



Taste

The Untamable Tongue

Taste and see how good
God is.

James 3:1

My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

“Masters” are Teachers who will have to give an account of their ministry of what they have taught.

Hebrews 13:2

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

James warned that although it is good to want to teach.

But the teacher's responsibility is a great reward because their words and example affect others spiritual lives.

If you are in a teaching or leadership role,
How are you affecting those you lead.

James 3:2

For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

James indicate that believers often offend.

So, to use proper speech you must not only say the right words at the right time but also not say what you shouldn't.

This offending includes attitudes of sheech such as sarcasm and impatience as well as content.

James 3:3

Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

The bit controls the entire animal

Matthew 12:33

Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

James 3:4

Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

James 3:5

Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

The word “matter” can refer to a forest fire or stacks of wood. Fire can either have a good or disastrous effects.

If the tongue is not controlled, careless or evil words, no matter how few, can produce a disaster.

When our speech is motivated by Satan it is full of...

- Bitter Jealously, selfish ambition, earthly concerns and desires, unspiritual thoughts, disorder and evil.

When our speech is motivated by
God it is full of...

- Purity, peace, submission,
consideration for others, mercy,
sincerity and Goodness

James 3:6

And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

When the tongue becomes an instrument of evil, the entire personality is stained and polluted.

Satan uses the tongue to divide people and pit them against one another.

Idle and hateful words are damaging because they spread destruction quickly and no one can stop the results once they are spoken.

Matthew 15:11

Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man."

We should not be careless with what we say, thinking we can apologize later because even if we do, the scars remain.

A few words spoken in anger can destroy a relationship that took years to build.

James 3:7

For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

James refer them back to the creation record where God indicated the four categories of creatures over which man was to have dominion. (Genesis 1:26,28)

But the tongue presents a greater problem than the animals. Man, who has the power to control the wild nature of animals, cannot control his own tongue.

James 3:8

But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Even though we may not achieve perfect control of our tongue when we get offended or hurt. The Holy Spirit will remind us of God's love and will heal the hurt and help us not to lash out.

The tongue is full of deadly poison.

Psalms 140:3

They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison is under their lips.

Psalms 140:2-4

Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully. 3 Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. 4 Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue.

James 3:9

Therewith bless we God,
even the Father; and
therewith curse we men,
which are made after the
similitude of God.

To bless means to praise, to extol.
Blessing God is the highest function
of the tongue.

Psalms 147:1

Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to
sing praises unto our God; for it is
pleasant; and praise is comely.

At times our words are right and pleasing to God, but at other times they are violet and destructive.

Romans 12:14

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Luke 6:37-38

"Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 38 Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

James 3:10

Out of the same mouth
proceedeth blessing and
cursing. My brethren, these
things ought not so to be.

Proverbs 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
And those who love it will eat its fruit.

James was not writing to unsaved people but to “brethren.”

A mixture of good and evil speaking can be expected from the natural man, but it is totally out of place for the believers.

Taste and see how good
God is.

Psalms 119:103

How sweet are Your words to
my taste,

Sweeter than honey to my
mouth!

Jeremiah 15:16

Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts.

Deuteronomy 8:3-4

Yes, he humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to you and your ancestors. He did it to teach you that people do not live by bread alone; rather, we live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

1 Peter 2:1-3

So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. 2 Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, 3 now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness.

Isaiah 6:4-6

Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke. 5 Then I said, "It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven's Armies." 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.

Isaiah 6:7-8

He touched my lips with it and said, "See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven." 8 Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me."