



Sirach 28

*[12] If you blow on a spark, it will glow;
if you spit on it, it will be put out;
and both come out of your mouth.*

*[13] Curse the whisperer and deceiver,
for he has destroyed many who were at peace.*

*[14] Slander has shaken many,
and scattered them from nation to nation,
and destroyed strong cities,
and overturned the houses of great men.*

*[15] Slander has driven away courageous women,
and deprived them of the fruit of their toil.*

*[16] Whoever pays heed to slander will not find rest,
nor will he settle down in peace.*

*[17] The blow of a whip raises a welt,
but a blow of the tongue crushes the bones.*

*[18] Many have fallen by the edge of the sword,
but not so many as have fallen because of the tongue.*

*[19] Happy is the man who is protected from it,
who has not been exposed to its anger,
who has not borne its yoke,
and has not been bound with its fetters;*

*[20] for its yoke is a yoke of iron,
and its fetters are fetters of bronze;*

*[21] its death is an evil death,
and Hades is preferable to it.*

*[22] It will not be master over the godly,
and they will not be burned in its flame.*

*[23] Those who forsake the Lord will fall into its power;
it will burn among them and will not be put out.*

*It will be sent out against them like a lion;
like a leopard it will mangle them.*

*[24] See that you fence in your property with thorns,
lock up your silver and gold,*

*[25] make balances and scales for your words,
and make a door and a bolt for your mouth.*

*[26] Beware lest you err with your tongue,
lest you fall before him who lies in wait.*



The Bible speaks of different parts of the human body in its literal sense and also symbolically.

A few of the different body parts whose number of occurrence in the Bible is given below.

Part of the body	Total times occurring in the Bible	Old Testament	New Testament
'Hand'	1409 times	1178 times	231 times
'Heart'	743 times	587 times	156 times
'Eye'	565 times	478 times	87 times
'Tongue'	137 times	93 times	44 times
'Neck'	83 times	78 times	5 times
'Ears'	81 times	58 times	23 times

The word 'Mouth' too occurs 308 times in the Bible but at many places is used in substitute for tongue and yet together are less than 'Eyes'.

This count also shows the priority of the different part or the things they symbolize.

'Hand' symbolizes works, deeds, ways of life etc.

'Heart' symbolizes Intentions, love, priority etc.

'Eyes' symbolize hope, direction, path etc.

'Tongue' symbolizes speech, words, prophesy, language, and manner of speaking etc.

'Neck' symbolizes willingness to surrender, flexibility to change, repentance etc.

'Ears' symbolize attentiveness, openness, understanding, discernment etc.

Firstly the 'Hand' symbolizes 'Works'; like there are good works, there are also bad works. Good works which means serving others, or offering sacrifices to God, giving things to others, doing God's work of evangelizing etc... does not help for God does not take pleasure in sacrifices or offerings if a person himself or herself does not obey God's Word. It is very important to put God's Word in action in our own lives first.

1 Samuel 15

²²*But Samuel replied: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.*

Isaiah 1

¹¹ *"The multitude of your sacrifices—
what are they to me?" says the LORD.*

*"I have more than enough of burnt offerings,
of rams and the fat of fattened animals;
I have no pleasure*

in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.

¹² *When you come to appear before me,
who has asked this of you,
this trampling of my courts?*

¹³ ***Stop bringing meaningless offerings!***

*Your incense is detestable to me.
New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations—
I cannot bear your evil assemblies.*

¹⁴ *Your New Moon festivals and your appointed feasts
my soul hates.*

*They have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.*

¹⁵ ***When you spread out your hands in prayer,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even if you offer many prayers,***

*I will not listen.
Your hands are full of blood;
¹⁶ wash and make yourselves clean.
Take your evil deeds
out of my sight!
Stop doing wrong,
¹⁷ learn to do right!
Seek justice,
encourage the oppressed.
Defend the cause of the fatherless,
plead the case of the widow.*

Isaiah 66

³ *But whoever sacrifices a bull
is like one who kills a man,
and whoever offers a lamb,
like one who breaks a dog's neck;
whoever makes a grain offering
is like one who presents pig's blood,
and whoever burns memorial incense,
like one who worships an idol.
They have chosen their own ways,
and their souls delight in their abominations;
⁴ so I also will choose harsh treatment for them
and will bring upon them what they dread.
For when I called, no one answered,
when I spoke, no one listened.
They did evil in my sight
and chose what displeases me."*

Jeremiah 6

¹⁹ *Hear, O earth:
I am bringing disaster on this people,
the fruit of their schemes,
because they have not listened to my words
and have rejected my law.
²⁰ What do I care about incense from Sheba
or sweet calamus from a distant land?
Your burnt offerings are not acceptable;
your sacrifices do not please me."
²¹ Therefore this is what the LORD says:
"I will put obstacles before this people.
Fathers and sons alike will stumble over them;
neighbors and friends will perish."*

As you have read the few scriptures in which God clearly says, He does not take delight in our offerings and sacrifices if we do not keep His Word. So do not think that your charity or donations or gifts or labor towards the poor etc... are going to help, if you, yourself refrain from obeying God's Word. Fear God and resist evil.

Secondly your heart and our eyes need to be set on God and the Kingdom of God. Only when we desire God and the Kingdom of God can we set our eyes in that direction.

Psalm 37

³ *Trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.*

⁴ **Delight yourself in the LORD**
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ **Commit your way to the LORD;**
trust in him and he will do this:

⁶ He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,
the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

2 Timothy 2

²² **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.**

Hebrews 12

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, **let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.** ² **Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.** ³ **Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.**

We should surrender ourselves and be willing to change our way of life when we hear God speak to us through His Word or through the people He sends.

Isaiah 52:2

² **Shake off your dust; rise up, sit enthroned, O Jerusalem. Free yourself from the chains on your neck, O captive Daughter of Zion.**

Jeremiah 7:26

²⁶ **But they did not listen to me or pay attention. They were stiff-necked and did more evil than their forefathers.'**

Though importance is from top to down but the start happens from the bottom to the top.

When we first hear the Word our ears tests the Word and discerns it, and then we surrender, change our lives and not become stiff necked. We then speak the Word and the promises the Word holds for us, so as to increase our faith. This helps us put our eyes in hope on the promises the Word holds and set our heart on it, keeping every thing else aside. While in the process we put the Word in action and work towards it.

Job 12

¹¹ **Does not the ear test words as the tongue tastes food?**

Jeremiah 38

²⁰ "They will not hand you over," Jeremiah replied. **"Obey the LORD by doing what I tell you. Then it will go well with you, and your life will be spared.** ²¹ **But if you refuse to surrender, this is what the LORD has revealed to me:**

2 Corinthians 4

¹³ It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." **With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak,**

Ephesians 1

¹⁸ **I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,**

Colossians 3

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, **set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.** ² **Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.**

1 Corinthians 15

⁵⁸Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

2 Corinthians 1:24

²⁴Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, because it is by faith you stand firm.

In the New Testament the word 'Ear' occurs more times than the word 'Neck'. This difference is because in the Old Testament the Word of God was first given through the Prophets then the people changed and lived their lives accordingly. But from the time of Jesus, (it started with John the Baptist) people were first told to repent and surrender, and then the Word was given to them. The Lord Jesus; Himself asked the people to be first Baptized before the Word was shared with them (*read Teachings - Solid Food – Baptism*). What is given to them before the change is the Good News, after the change the actual Word about the Kingdom of God is given.

Matthew 28

¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you..."

How the Word of God gets applied in our lives by the above steps, in the same way the opposite (evil) also gets into our lives.

Now keeping the above in priority and in prospective, let us study in depth about the tongue.

The human tongue is the part of the body that has been most glorified and condemned (more condemned than glorified).

James 3

³When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵Likewise 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. ⁶The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

The tongue is a small fleshy part in the mouth which allows us to taste and speak. Our manner of speaking and language is also called tongue.

Exodus 4:10

Moses said to the LORD, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."

As the Lord showed me, we have a tongue both in the physical world as well as the Spiritual world. In both the worlds the tongue does the work of tasting and communicating.

In physical world what ever we put in our mouth, our tongue tastes. If we eat sweet our body feels the sweetness; if we eat sour, our body feels the sourness, through the physical tongue. The similar happens with our spiritual tongue; here however the sweetness and sourness are the blessings and curses. When we receive blessings from someone our spirit feels the sweetness and likewise when it comes to curses our spirit feels the sourness.

When we bless it should not be just the physical tongue that does the blessing, it should be from our spirit the blessing should come. People really do not know the meaning of blessing someone or what it means getting blessed by a person. If they knew they would just long to be blessed. Blessing coming by the Spirit means making one richer in spirit (*read Teachings – Solid Food - Prayer*).

When we bless others (especially descendants of Abraham – they do not need to be born directly from Abraham but whoever believes in Lord Jesus becomes a descendant of Abraham) we too receive blessings from God. This is what the Word of God says.

Galatians 3

¹⁵Brothers, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. ¹⁶**The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ.**

²⁹**If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

Genesis 12

¹ **The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.**

² **"I will make you into a great nation
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.**

³ **I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."**

So whenever we bless a believer of Lord Jesus Christ or whenever we curse a believer of Lord Jesus Christ we too surely receive the same.

But when the Word of the Lord comes on to someone and he or she blesses or curses, it is not they but God; who does it through them. This is what the Men of God did in the Bible.

In the book of Genesis you will understand how people craved to be blessed by a Man of God.

Genesis 27

⁵ Now Rebekah was listening as Isaac spoke to his son Esau. When Esau left for the open country to hunt game and bring it back, ⁶ **Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "Look, I overheard your father say to your brother Esau, ⁷ 'Bring me some game and prepare me some tasty food to eat, so that I may give you my blessing in the presence of the LORD before I die.'** ⁸ Now, my son, listen carefully and do what I tell you: ⁹ Go out to the flock and bring me two choice young goats, so I can prepare some tasty food for your father, just the way he likes it. ¹⁰ Then take it to your father to eat, so that he may give you his blessing before he dies."

³⁰ After Isaac finished blessing him and Jacob had scarcely left his father's presence, his brother Esau came in from hunting. ³¹ He too prepared some tasty food and brought it to his father. Then he said to him, **"My father, sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing."**

³² His father Isaac asked him, "Who are you?"

"I am your son," he answered, "your firstborn, Esau."

³³ **Isaac trembled violently and said, "Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him—and indeed he will be blessed!"**

Genesis 28

¹ **So Isaac called for Jacob and blessed him**

³ **May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and increase your numbers until you become a community of peoples. ⁴ May he give you and your descendants the blessing given to Abraham, so that you may take possession of the land where you now live as an alien, the land God gave to Abraham."**

Genesis 49

¹ Then Jacob called for his sons and said: "Gather around so I can tell you what will happen to you in days to come.

²⁸ All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said to them when he blessed them, giving each the blessing appropriate to him.

When we curse someone (specially a Man or Woman of God), it is similar to interceding in our prayers and opening doors of blessings in that person's life; but only here the curse open the doors of destruction and sicknesses in that person's life. Like a door can be used to go out, it can also be used to come in. When we apply dirt on to others with our hands, our hands too get dirty; the same happens when we curse.

A good example is in the book of 2 Samuel and 1 Kings where Shimei curses King David on his exile and after King David is restored back his kingdom, his son Solomon kills Shimei.

2 Samuel 16

⁵ As King David approached Bahurim, a man from the same clan as Saul's family came out from there. His name was Shimei son of Gera, and he cursed as he came out. ⁶ He pelted David and all the king's officials with stones, though all the troops and the special guard were on David's right and left. ⁷ As he cursed, Shimei said, "Get out, get out, you man of blood, you scoundrel! ⁸ The LORD has repaid you for all the blood you shed in the household of Saul, in whose place you have reigned. The LORD has handed the kingdom over to your son Absalom. You have come to ruin because you are a man of blood!"

⁹ Then Abishai son of Zeruiah said to the king, "Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over and cut off his head."

¹⁰ But the king said, "What do you and I have in common, you sons of Zeruiah? If he is cursing because the LORD said to him, 'Curse David,' who can ask, 'Why do you do this?'"

¹¹ David then said to Abishai and all his officials, "My son, who is of my own flesh, is trying to take my life. How much more, then, this Benjamite! Leave him alone; let him curse, for the LORD has told him to. ¹² It may be that the LORD will see my distress and repay me with good for the cursing I am receiving today."

¹³ So David and his men continued along the road while Shimei was going along the hillside opposite him, cursing as he went and throwing stones at him and showering him with dirt.

1 Kings 2

⁸ "And remember, you have with you Shimei son of Gera, the Benjamite from Bahurim, who called down bitter curses on me the day I went to Mahanaim. When he came down to meet me at the Jordan, I swore to him by the LORD: 'I will not put you to death by the sword.'⁹ But now, do not consider him innocent. You are a man of wisdom; you will know what to do to him. Bring his gray head down to the grave in blood."

⁴⁴ The king also said to Shimei, "You know in your heart all the wrong you did to my father David. Now the LORD will repay you for your wrongdoing. ⁴⁵ But King Solomon will be blessed, and David's throne will remain secure before the LORD forever."

David latter by asking Solomon to kill Shimei did not try to take revenge. Shimei was made by the Lord to curse David, but the mistake Shimei made was, he got carried away and added his own terrible curse, for it is said 'as he cursed, Shimei said'.

David did something that the Lord wanted him to do.

Another example is of Moses in the book of Numbers.

Numbers 12

¹ Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. ² "Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?" they asked. "Hasn't he also spoken through us?" And the LORD heard this.

³ (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)

⁴ At once the LORD said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, "Come out to the Tent of Meeting, all three of you." So the three of them came out. ⁵ Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the Tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When both of them stepped forward, ⁶ he said, "Listen to my words:

*"When a prophet of the LORD is among you,
I reveal myself to him in visions,
I speak to him in dreams.*

⁷ *But this is not true of my servant Moses;
he is faithful in all my house.*

⁸ *With him I speak face to face,
clearly and not in riddles;
he sees the form of the LORD.*

*Why then were you not afraid
to speak against my servant Moses?"*

⁹ *The anger of the LORD burned against them, and he left them.*

¹⁰ *When the cloud lifted from above the Tent, there stood Miriam—leprous, like snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had leprosy; ¹¹ and he said to Moses, "Please, my lord, do not hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. ¹² Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother's womb with its flesh half eaten away."*

This was also shown to me in my life by the Lord just as I was writing this. Some one had cursed or I would say laughed at me when something had happened to me and it hurt me very much. I had forgiven that person, but as I was writing a similar thing happened to the person, only worst. When anybody curses a child of God especially a Man or Woman of God, even if the person is forgiven, yet the Lord takes account of it, for the Lord is true to His Word (**Gen 12:3**).

Romans 12

¹⁹ *Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.*

It is not only cursing that is bad but any idle words too should be avoided.

Proverbs 18

²¹ *The tongue has the power of life and death,
and those who love it will eat its fruit.*

This scripture just does not mean that only by blessing or speaking the words of life we bring open doors of life and blessings, by cursing or speaking words of death that we open doors of death into our lives or other's lives. It also means that even speaking idle or careless words we might loose our lives (spiritual or eternal lives).

Matthew 12

³⁶ *But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. ³⁷ For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."*

When Jesus said this He was referring very seriously to the Day of Judgment.

You will understand this when you understand the dream of Daniel

Daniel 7

⁹ *"As I looked,
"thrones were set in place,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat.
His clothing was as white as snow;
the hair of his head was white like wool.*

*His throne was flaming with fire,
and its wheels were all ablaze.
¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing,
coming out from before him.
Thousands upon thousands attended him;
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
The court was seated,
and the books were opened.*

¹¹ "Then I continued to watch because of the boastful words the horn was speaking. I kept looking until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire.

It is written 'books' not 'book'; it is not the 'book of life' that is referred here as referred to in chapter 12.

Daniel 12

*¹ "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—**everyone whose name is found written in the book**—will be delivered.*

This is clearly distinguished in the book of Revelations.

Revelation 20

*¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ¹² **And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.** ¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. ¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵ **If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.***

What is different about these books and what is there in them?

You must have seen a Log book. It is a book that keeps a record of the activity, for example people coming in or going out, or the operations of the job, or the minutes of a meeting etc...

The same can be understood by computer literate persons as a Syslog Server. The Syslog server keeps a track of all the activity and the data that flows through all the devices.

These books, which are referred to in the books of Daniel and Revelations are the books that keep a track of all our doings and all that we say. On the Day of Judgment, we will stand before the Lord and the books will be opened and the Lord will ask us to given account of all our doing and all that we spoke, even our idle words. Based on this, judgments will be passed.

Malachi 3

*¹⁶ **Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name.***

It is very important to control this little piece of flesh called tongue. When some one asked me while I was talking about a topic from the Bible regards to the reproductive part of the man if it is okay to speak on such topics. He felt it was unholy to talk about it. My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the most unholy part of the human if you ask me is the tongue.

Right from the Apostles, Prophets, Teachers, and Preachers etc... all advised to control this organ for better physical and spiritual life. When the Lord was teaching me about the tongue, He showed me when we keep the tongue holy they were like two white doves in love with each other and when unholy it was like an animal called the Komodo dragon.

If you know the dove is a gentle and loving bird, it is also a social bird and the relationship between two doves in love is very close and beautiful. They will keep flying together beautifully; they will keep kissing each other every now and then. The same is with our tongue when kept holy. Our physical and our spiritual tongue are like the two doves.

When the tongue is unholy the Lord showed it to me as a Komodo dragon because for many reasons, I will state a few of them.

The Komodo dragon is a very large lizard that habitats in a small island, the locals there call it 'ora'. Our tongue dwells in a small cavity which is the mouth and all things to do with it is called 'oral'. Some lizards have the ability to regenerate parts of their body even if cut. The Lord showed me the lizard represents lust; even if certain parts of it is cut and not totally destroyed, it can again regenerate and come back. To overcome lust we need to crush its head, and then only it will be destroyed. Therefore even when you feel you have overcome certain types of lust, be always watchful in that area if the head has not been crushed.

Secondly the lizard comes in many sizes and lives in all areas from houses to deep forests. We consider certain lusts as normal socially acceptable norms and do not know about the harm they do, leave alone overcome them. The Komodo dragon is the king of all lizards. Similarly the tongue is the king of all lusts. Very few have managed to over come the pleasures of the tongue.

Job 6 [KJV]

²⁴Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

Sirach 28 [RSV]

*^[19] Happy is the man who is protected from it,
who has not been exposed to its anger,
who has not borne its yoke,
and has not been bound with its fetters;
^[20] for its yoke is a yoke of iron,
and its fetters are fetters of bronze;
^[21] its death is an evil death,
and Hades is preferable to it.*

Most lizards are plant eaters or insect eaters but not the Komodo dragon. A Komodo dragon can eat pigs, deer, snakes and even buffalos. An unholy tongue will not stop at any thing; it can even finish nations and still look innocent. When an adult Komodo dragon walks it will hide along its trail and wait for an unsuspecting creature to walk by to be its prey like the tongue does by lying, contemplating and manipulating (lies).

The Komodo dragon has long claws and short, sharp teeth with which it attacks. If the prey escapes, the dragon will simply follow it at a leisurely pace. That's because the dragon's bite contains deadly bacteria that will eventually kill its intended meal. The tongue when it speaks humors, it may be short but is deadly and will eventually destroys its prey.

When the Komodo dragon eggs are hatched the first thing its babies do, is climb the nearest tree. When the tongue first starts to lie it starts with what is called as white lies. These are so called white because they are socially justified.

Now coming to the tongue, in sense of communication and manner of speech.

In the natural world we make sounds in certain patterns which form words that help us to communicate. We have so called languages, which are fixed words spoken as defined by that language.

In the same ways our spirit too speaks in a language which is Heavenly when we speak in Tongues. This may sound foolish according to the wisdom of this world. To speak in Tongues we start by sounds as the Spirit leads us that sound nonsense to the natural world. The gift of Tongues in the spiritual world actually is like a baby that starts to speak, even if it a word or two yet the parents of the baby understand what the baby needs.

As we grow things change and start to speak in spiritual language that is understood by angles. The same happened on the day of Pentecost when the Apostles were baptized by the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

When the Apostles spoke in Tongues the angles heard and translated to the people in languages according to the person.

When we speak in Tongues we first need to surrender to the Holy Spirit by rejecting the wisdom and knowledge of this world, becoming like babies and be led by the Spirit of God.

1 Corinthians 12

*⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, **to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.***

Did you ever reason that if we need to communication in spirit, then why do we make those sounds when we speak or pray in Tongues?

Firstly it is rejecting the knowledge and understanding of the natural world and totally surrendering in spirit by making sounds that can be laughed at by the people of this world.

Secondly like the Lord showed, the holy tongue was like two doves in love. If you see two doves in love flying about, you will understand about Tongues. Since they are doves they flap their wings more often and while flying they do not fly in a straight line, they fly like butterflies up and down, left and right, sometimes perching but between all this they keep petting or kissing each other often with their beaks, and it is like a dance or mating. When they do this they will never be far from each other, if you see one the other will be very close by.

So when you speak in Tongues your physical tongue is like one dove and your spiritual tongue is the other. They dance together freely, since the physical can be heard, one will be able to know about the spiritual tongue too. Therefore Tongues can be interpreted and this gift the Lord gives us. The gift of interpretation of Tongues helps us to build others telling them what their spirit is praying for and what the Lord's answer to their prayer is.

The gift of Tongues allows us to make a prayer as our heart desires or for things which even we do not know. When we pray we ask for things that we feel we need or some one else needs as per our knowledge. But things that we are not aware of how can we pray for it?

1 Corinthians 13

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.



The Tongue

1 Corinthians 14

²For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit.

¹⁴For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.

When we pray in tongues the Spirit of the Lord leads us to pray for things beyond our knowledge. This language this is direct to God, which the angels too understand and immediately act on. When it comes to sharing the Word with others it is better to use the language of the natural world that men understand than to use the spiritual language.

1 Corinthians 14

¹⁰Undoubtedly there are all sorts of languages in the world, yet none of them is without meaning. ¹¹If then I do not grasp the meaning of what someone is saying, I am a foreigner to the speaker, and he is a foreigner to me.

¹⁸I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. ¹⁹But in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue.

When it comes to the tongue the Bible tells us to tame it.

James 3

²We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.

⁷All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, ⁸but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. ¹¹Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹²My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

The Bible tells us to tame the tongue not to shut it. The first sin of Adam and Eve was also due to the tongue, Adam was near Eve and knew Eve was making a mistake, when she was getting tempted, but he did not speak out (the sin of omission). For God had spoken to him and not to Eve and it was he who told Eve that God said not to eat of the ‘tree of Knowledge of Good and Bad’.

God has made the tongue to taste and to speak so use it, but use it wisely. It does not have a bone so do not just let it waggle, for God has given us the ability to control it, so control it and keep it holy.

We can keep it holy by doing the following, since the Lord showed the unholy tongue as a lizard, to kill it once for all we need to crush its head. The head would be the loneliness that we go through, the love or companionship that we crave for, the fame that our heart desires, the hurt that we experienced earlier in our lives, insecurity etc... We can crush this head by surrendering our selves to the Lord, asking Him for all the love and companionship that we long. People will be with you for some time, but the Lord (Holy Spirit) can be with you always, wherever you go. He can heal your hurt, help you forgive and also give you all the love you need.

To achieve this you can take a clue of what to do, from the ‘word count’ of the New Testament.

Part of the body	Count in the New Testament
‘Neck’	5 times
‘Ears’	23 times
‘Tongue’	44 times
‘Eye’	87 times
‘Heart’	156 times
‘Hand’	231 times



The Tongue

- ‘Neck’ : Repent for your past life, surrender your self to the Lord and be willing to change.
- ‘Ears’ : Hear the Word of God and teachings on the Word. Receive it in full openness. Understanding it and discerning the Word from the word of this world.
- ‘Tongue’ : Proclaim the Word and the promises of the Word regularly. Speaking blessing or prophesying (giving God’s Word) to others, refraining from cursing. Pray in Tongues.
- ‘Eyes’ : Setting your eyes in hope on the promises the Word of God offers. Directing your-self, to the path of righteousness.
- ‘Heart’ : Keeping your heart clean, love others but put God and the Kingdom of God first.
- ‘Hand’ : Do according to the Word of God, living your life as a righteous person, helping others in their physical and spiritual needs too.

By doing this you will not only heal your tongue but also your spiritual life, for your tongue is like a rudder for your life.

God Bless