

# **“A Froward Mouth”**

## **Prov. 4:24**

### Introduction

- I. What is a froward mouth?
- II. It is something that God disdains (Prov. 8:13).
- III. To keep from a froward mouth, there is much work that needs to be done (James 3:1-8).

### Discussion

- I. A lying mouth is froward.
  - A. Lying is from the devil, not from God (John 8:44).
  - B. God hates a lying mouth (Prov. 6:16-19).
  - C. How is a lying mouth described (Psm. 52:2-4; Prov. 12:13, 19).
  - D. The consequence of a lying mouth (Rev. 21:8).
  - E. What should be the Christian's attitude toward a lying mouth (Eph. 4:25, 29, 31; Psm. 120:2).
- II. A cursing mouth is froward.
  - A. We commit such by making common things that are sacred.
  - B. Taking the Lord's name in vain (Exo. 20:7; Matt. 23:16-22).
  - C. We should be careful not to speak against our brethren in froward ways (Matt. 5:22; 1 Pet. 3:8-10).
  - D. Our language should not be “corrupt” (Eph. 4:29).
- III. A backbiting mouth is froward.
  - A. Using our mouths to keep someone down is never acceptable (Prov. 12:18; 26:20-23).
  - B. What are some consequences of a backbiting mouth (Prov. 16:28; 17:9 cf. 1 Pet. 4:8; Eccl. 10:20; James 4:11; Rom. 1:30).
- IV. A proud mouth is froward.
  - A. This is an expression of a bad attitude.
  - B. How does a proud mouth reveal itself (Psm. 12:3-4; 2 Pet. 10-11).
  - C. What will be the end of the proud mouth (Prov. 13:3; Matt. 12:36-37).

### Conclusion

- I. God does not want His children to use a froward mouth.
- II. Let us ponder some final verses that help us to understand (Prov. 10:19; 15:28; James 1:26).