

# Job

## Ten cool verses

### Verse 8

#### Job 32:18

***“For I am full of words, and the spirit within me compels me;”***

Who wants to be wrong? Some of us feel compelled to have the last word. It’s a powerful cosmic energy deep within us. It pushes, pulls, and drives us to open our mouth. For me, I try and hold back the word avalanche. I can go a day, a week, or two months. Yet, it eats me. Eventually my words burst like a dam. Flooding everyone in my way. The original thought? I’m so beyond that now. Everyone gets it.

We are creatures of feelings. Humans see, feel, and express their lives. Unfortunately, what we see and feel are not reality some of the time. So, we express what we think. What happens when were wrong. Can’t take back the words can we? Some people call it a conscious. Others say it’s the Devil or the Holy Spirit. What governs your words? Who holds them back? What lets them rip?

2 Corinthians 5 has a verse saying the love of Jesus compels us. I have had to say that to people as they take of communion at church. *May the love of Christ compel you.* I like it. It’s a nice thing to say. Yet, being compelled to speak could be good or bad. I have wanted to say something. Then I did and it was totally wrong. I have said a words and regretted it. Jobs friends have things to say. Job must reply. Here in chapter 32 Elihu gets angry and is compelled to speak. We all are compelled at some point.

Let’s bust this verse up. *“For I am full of words.”* We all have a mouth. They say a woman has more words than men every day. I don’t know. I talk a lot. I write a ton. Why? I think there are a lot of words built up inside of me. There is a supervisor at work who talks too much. I say they should take the

loud speaker away from her. Job's friends say a lot. Job is sick. Does he really need to hear it? Even his wife says curse God and die. Nice words. How long has she wanted to say that? The way Job's friends talk, are they really friends? A tongue is a sharp sword. Yeah, fueled by a bottomless pit of words.

Secondly, "*and the Spirit within compels me.*" Did you notice that Jesus was led into temptation in the wilderness in Matthew 4? Why would God allow that? Isaiah 53 has a daunting verse of the hope of the world being lead like a lamb to the slaughter. Our hearts want retribution. Sometimes we cannot get it. That is frustrating. Exodus says God hardened Pharaoh's heart. Maybe God gives us what we want. At times, that is too many words.

Finally, we need to control the uncontrollable. A tongue is not that controllable. Maybe for a time until our spirit compels us. Choose your words carefully. Easier said than done. I have a ton of words I want back. Yet, I gave them to others. They rolled off my tongue by my free will. Job's friends can't take it back either. Job did not curse God, but he did say words of frustration at God's actions towards him. I often wonder if our words are really just a barrel of monkeys doing what they please.