

# THE POWER OF YOUR WORDS

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Can you survive 24 hours without using your tongue for evil, without speaking anything critical, negative or destructive. We often forget that our words are very powerful. Also, we think that the power of our words is less destructive than to physically attack someone. Words can shape situations and steer our lives into various directions.

## **YOUR TONGUE IS POWERFUL**

God gave you a very, extremely powerful tool, your tongue. You need to decide how you are going to use it.

James says the following about the tongue

James 3:2-12

Jas 3:2 All of us do many wrong things. But if you can control your tongue, you are mature and able to control your whole body.

Jas 3:3 By putting a bit into the mouth of a horse, we can turn the horse in different directions.

Jas 3:4 It takes strong winds to move a large sailing ship, but the captain uses only a small rudder to make it go in any direction.

Jas 3:5 Our tongues are small too, and yet they brag about big things. It takes only a spark to start a forest fire!

Jas 3:6 The tongue is like a spark. It is an evil power that dirties the rest of the body and sets a person's entire life on fire with flames that come from hell itself.

Jas 3:7 All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and sea creatures can be tamed and have been tamed.

Jas 3:8 But our tongues get out of control. They are restless and evil, and always spreading deadly poison.

Jas 3:9 My dear friends, with our tongues we speak both praises and curses. We praise our Lord and Father, and we curse people who were created to be like God, and this isn't right.

Jas 3:10 (SEE 3:9)

Jas 3:11 Can clean water and dirty water both flow from the same spring?

Jas 3:12 Can a fig tree produce olives or a grapevine produce figs? Does fresh water come from a well full of salt water?

James says that the tongue is like:

1. Bit in a horses' mouth
2. Rudder of a ship
3. Fire

## **YOUR TONGUE STEERS YOUR LIFE**

Our lives often end up where our tongue leads us. We often say wrong or negative things that can produce a wrong or negative result or circumstances in our lives.

- Examples:
- My marriage will never last
  - One day I'm going to die of a heart attack
  - I will always be poor, unsuccessful, etc.

People often underestimate the power of their words.

In the book of Genesis chapter 1 we see that God spoke everything into being / existence.

Genesis 1:1-5

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.

God first said (spoke), then He saw the result of what He just spoke. Words do manifest in the natural realm. Words become tangible.

### **SPIRITUAL MATURITY**

James says it is not easy to control your tongue. A spiritual mature person can control what his tongue says about others. Your speech reveals the quality of your character. One wrong word can destroy years of good work you have laboured for.

### **REMEMBER THIS ABOUT YOUR TONGUE**

Your tongue has disproportionate power.

Your tongue has destructive power. (set on fire by hell (gehennah)).

Your tongue has life giving power.

Your words can steer your life.

Sometimes we go through tough or challenging times because we need to go through God's processes, but sometimes we have steered our lives into a storm using the rudder of our life, our tongue. Life and death is in the tongue. Your words are the seeds that brings in a harvest. It can be life or death.

### **Read:**

Pro 18:21 ***Words can bring death or life! Talk too much, and you will eat everything you say.*** CEV

Pro 18:21 ***Death and life are in the power of the tongue; And they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.***

The problem is not with your tongue's physical placing, but it's spiritual connection.

Your tongue reveals what is in your heart. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks... Jesus said

### **MOSES UNDERSTOOD THE POWER OF WORDS**

Moses understood that words have power.

**Exo 4:10 *And Moses said unto the LORD: 'Oh Lord, I am not a man of words, neither heretofore, nor since Thou hast spoken unto Thy servant; for I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.'***

Moses knew to do God's will and bring it into being that he would have to speak, declare it & he was poor in speech. His words would become flesh as he speaks it.

**Psa 15:1-2 *A Psalm. Of David. Lord, who may have a resting-place in your tent, a living-place on your holy hill? He who goes on his way uprightly, doing righteousness, and saying what is true in his heart; BBE (speaking truth from his heart)***

**Psa 34:13 *Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from words of deceit.***

**Pro 10:20 *The tongue of the upright man is like tested silver: the heart of the evil-doer is of little value***

**Pro 12:18 *There are some whose uncontrolled talk is like the wounds of a sword, but the tongue of the wise makes one well again. ( But the tongue of the wise is health.)***

**Pro 15:4 *A comforting tongue is a tree of life, but a twisted tongue is a crushing of the spirit.***

**Psa 35:28 *And my tongue will be talking of your righteousness and of your praise all the day.***

**Psa 51:14 *Be my saviour from violent death, O God, the God of my salvation; and my tongue will give praise to your righteousness.***

**2Sa 23:2 *The spirit of the Lord had voice through me, his word was on my tongue.***

**Pro 10:31 *The mouth of the upright man is budding with wisdom, but the twisted tongue will be cut off.***

**Pro 12:19 *True lips are certain for ever, but a false tongue is only for a minute.***

**Psa 50:19 *You have given your mouth to evil, your tongue to words of deceit.***

**Psa 5:9 *For no faith may be put in their words; their inner part is nothing but evil; their throat is like an open place for the dead; smooth are the words of their tongues.***

### **Proverbs 6:16-19**

Pro 6:16 Six things are hated by the Lord; seven things are disgusting to him:

Pro 6:17 Eyes of pride, a **false tongue**, hands which take life without cause;

Pro 6:18 A heart full of evil designs, feet which are quick in running after sin;

Pro 6:19 A false witness, breathing out untrue words, and one who lets loose violent acts among brothers.

### **WE ARE CALLED TO SPEAK LIFE**

Luk 6:45 ***The good man, out of the good store of his heart, gives good things; and the evil man, out of his evil store, gives evil: for out of the full store of the heart come the words of the mouth.***

Thoughts become words and words become deeds. Your tongue reveals and bring into being the hidden things of the heart.

Jas 1:19 ***Ye know this, my beloved brethren. But let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:***

### **YOUR WORDS ARE ARROWS**

Words are like arrows, once it has been released it cannot be controlled any longer. It runs its course. We are held accountable for our words, not only our deeds.

Mat 12:36 ***And I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.***

### **MORE SCRIPTURES ABOUT OUR WORDS**

Psa 141:3 ***Set a watch, O Jehovah, before my mouth; Keep the door of my lips.***

Psa 34:13 ***Keep thy tongue from evil,*** And thy lips from speaking guile.

Psa 120:2 ***Deliver my soul, O Jehovah, from lying lips, And from a deceitful tongue.***

As children of God we are called to exalt Him with our words.

Psa 51:15 O Lord, ***open thou my lips; And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.***

History shows us that many people have been hurt and even killed because of a rumour and negative talk that other people took as truth. Your words matter. Speak life.

### **Ephesians 4:29**

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.