

***THE TONGUE IS POWERFUL.**

***THE TONGUE IS DANGEROUS.**

***THE TONGUE CORRUPTS.**

***THE TONGUE IS A RESTLESS EVIL.**

***THE TONGUE IS INCONSISTENT.**

***THE ORIGIN OF WORDS.**

***WORDS ARE NOT ACCIDENTAL.**

***A NEW SELF HAS A NEW MOUTH, A NEW MOUTH HAS A
NEW TONGUE, A NEW TONGUE HAS A NEW SPEECH.**

***THE MOUTH IS THE TRUEST INDICATOR OF THE
SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF AN INDIVIDUAL.**

TODAY'S LESSON:

**It's Not Just WHAT You Say; It's WHY and
HOW You Say It.**

●When it comes to our words, what matters is not just that they are
T_____.

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● When it comes to our speech, both M_____ and M_____ matter.

● It is possible to speak words that pass the truth test, but to say them for totally W_____ and S_____ reasons, and in a manner designed to S_____.

1. What to watch for.
2. A trick of the tongue to beware of.
3. A heart procedure we all probably need.

1. Watch for B_____ Spots

*Proverbs 16:2

²All the ways of a man are clean and innocent in his own eyes [and he may see nothing wrong with his actions],

But the Lord weighs and examines the motives and intents [of the heart and knows the truth].

***Matthew 12:36**

³⁶ *But I tell you, on the day of judgment people will have to give an accounting for every careless or useless word they speak.*

- *Am I certain that what I want to say is true?*
- *Is my goal to have my comment help the person or situation at hand? Or is it to put a little pinch in their heart?*
- *Do I feel my words will bring a solution or, if I'm totally honest, might they cause more of a problem?*
- *Even if what I plan to say is truthful, is my aim to say something that will make me look better by comparison?*
- *Have I earned the right to speak to this particular person?*
- *Are these words really necessary? Why?*
- *Have I prayed about it, or only thought about it in an effort to plan what I have already determined to say?*
- *Am I trying to play Holy Spirit and convict someone or guilty them into changing their mind?*
- *If the roles were reversed, would I want the person to say the same thing to me?*

***Proverbs 16:23**

*²³ The heart of the wise instructs his mouth [in wisdom]
And adds persuasiveness to his lips.*

2. Beware the S Tongue.

***Proverbs 25:23**

*²³ Like a north wind that brings unexpected rain
is a sly tongue—which provokes a horrified look.*

● A slam, whether overt or S, is still a slam.

3. Allow God's Word to S Your Heart.

***Proverbs 19:27**

*²⁷ Cease listening, my son, to instruction and discipline
And you will stray from the words of knowledge.*

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***Hebrews 4:12**

¹² For the word of God is living and active and full of power [making it operative, energizing, and effective]. It is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating as far as the division of the soul and spirit [the completeness of a person], and of both joints and marrow [the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and judging the very thoughts and intentions of the heart.

● Our words should be G_____ and P_____.

***Colossians 4:6**

⁶ Let your speech at all times be gracious and pleasant, seasoned with salt, so that you will know how to answer each one [who questions you].

***Ephesians 4:29**

²⁹ Do not let unwholesome [foul, profane, worthless, vulgar] words ever come out of your mouth, but only such speech as is good for building up others, according to the need and the occasion, so that it will be a blessing to those who hear [you speak].

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1. We should speak what is E_____.
2. We should speak what is N_____.
3. We should speak what is edifying and what is needed at the A_____ time.

***Proverbs 4:24**

*²⁴Put away from you a deceitful (lying, misleading) mouth,
And put devious lips far from you.*

***Proverbs 10:14**

*¹⁴Wise men store up and treasure knowledge [in mind and heart],
But with the mouth of the foolish, ruin is at hand.*

***Proverbs 12:13**

*¹³An evil man is [dangerously] ensnared by the transgression of his lips,
But the righteous will escape from trouble.*

***Proverbs 12:22**

*²²Lying lips are extremely disgusting to the Lord,
But those who deal faithfully are His delight.*

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***Proverbs 13:3**

³The one who guards his mouth [thinking before he speaks] protects his life; The one who opens his lips wide [and chatters without thinking] comes to ruin.

***Proverbs 18:7**

*⁷A fool's mouth is his ruin,
And his lips are the snare of his soul.*

***Proverbs 21:23**

*²³He who guards his mouth and his tongue
Guards himself from troubles.*

***Proverbs 26:28**

*²⁸A lying tongue hates those it wounds and crushes,
And a flattering mouth works ruin.*

***Proverbs 29:20**

*²⁰Do you see a [conceited] man who speaks quickly [offering his opinions or answering without thinking]?
There is more hope for a [thickheaded] fool than for him.*