

# MIDWEEK

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### Taming The Tongue - June 9, 2021

**TAMING THE TONGUE** - Sermon delivered by Pastor Valerie

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

**Why is what we say so important?**

BECAUSE OUR WORDS REVEAL OUR BELIEFS, ATTITUDES, AND OUR HEART CONDITION

Words flow out of the abundance of our hearts.

Matthew 12: 35 – 37 *"A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things."*

**We shall give an account of idle (unproductive) words.**

*"But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."*

**Why?**

BECAUSE IDLE WORDS WASTE CREATIVE POTENTIAL

**Justified/ condemned by our words**

BECAUSE THE CREATIVE POWER OF WORDS WORKS IN THE NEGATIVE AS WELL AS THE POSITIVE

MASTERY OVER OUR WORDS IS A KEY TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY

James 3:2 *"For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body."*

TALK ISN'T CHEAP - Why does God place such importance on the spoken word?

GOD KNOWS THE CREATIVE POWER OF WORDS

Genesis 1 - God spoke and created the universe and everything in it

Genesis 1:3 *"Let there be light"*



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#### GOD MEANS WHAT HE SAYS AND EXPECTS US TO DO THE SAME

Numbers 23:19 *"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"*

James 5:12 *"But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation."*

**Your word should mean something.**

#### SATAN ALSO KNOWS THE POWER OF WORDS AND HAS HIS OWN EVIL PURPOSES FOR THEM.

##### LIES- SIN ENTERED THE HUMAN RACE BECAUSE OF A LIE

Genesis 3:1 *"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"*

John 8:44c *"...When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."*

"Did God really say that?" is a very common question today.

#### CORRUPT COMMUNICATION    Corrupt= rotten, worthless

Ephesians 4:29 *"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."*

#### GOSSIP AND SLANDER

Proverbs 18:18 *"The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly."*

#### CRITICISM and COMPLAINING

Numbers 14:27 *"How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me."*

28 *"Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the Lord, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you:"*

29 *"Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward which have murmured against me."*



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#### WHAT IS GOD'S PURPOSE FOR WORDS/ SPEECH?

- 1- SALVATION - Romans 10:8 – 10 *"But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."*
- 2- FORGIVENESS OF SINS - 1 John 1:9 *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*
- 3- GIVING THANKS/ PRAISE - Ephesians 5:19 *"...speaking to [one another] in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;"*
- 4- EDIFICATION, EXHORTATION, COMFORT (prophecy) 1 Cor. 14:3 *"But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort."*
- 5- TEACHING - Colossians 3:16 *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."*
- 6- EVANGELISM - Matt. 28:19 *"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"*
- 7- CORRECTION and ENCOURAGEMENT - 1 Thessalonians 5:14 *"Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men."*
- 8- THE PRAYER OF FAITH - Mark 11:23 -24 *"For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."*

2 components- faith (the fuel)    command (the spark that ignites it)

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Prov. 18:20-21 *"A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."*

