

Don't let your mouth get the better of you.

Part 2

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Re- Cap from last week

- 1. How important are our words?**
- 2. What example did God set for us in His speech?**
- 3. Is there also power in our words?**
- 4. Do we choose the words we speak?**
- 5. What happens to the words we speak?**
- 6. Do we have an un-refutable scriptural basis to back up this teaching?**

Thoughts - Our thoughts dominate our lives. We are continually thinking.

Words - Our words come out of us as a result of our thoughts. What we give time to comes out of our mouths.

Actions - We ultimately DO what we say.

Habits - As we consistently do things, we create habits.

Character - Our habits form our the essence of who we are.

Your Destiny - is created whether for success in God or failure.

7. What is an often-overlooked major key to spiritual growth?

An often-overlooked key to SPIRITUAL GROWTH is speaking the truth in love.

Ephesians 4:15

Amplified Bible (AMP)

¹⁵ Rather, let our lives lovingly express truth [in all things, speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly]. Enfolded in love, let us grow up in every way and in all things into Him Who is the Head, [even] Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

Many Christians speak their circumstances and don't realize that they are lying through their teeth.

Remember

Romans 3:4

Amplified Bible (AMP)

says "Let God be found true, though every man be found a liar."

So we have a choice in every situation of life to either speak the APPARENT TRUTH that comes via our 5 senses or the ABSOLUTE TRUTH that comes via the Word of God.

Because these 2 truths mostly contradict each other, we **must decide which truth we will speak.**

We are not to speak UNWHOLESOME words that do not harmonize with the Word of God.

Ephesians 4:29

Amplified Bible (AMP)

²⁹ Let no foul or polluting language, nor evil word nor unwholesome or worthless talk [ever] come out of your mouth, but only such [speech] as is good and beneficial to the spiritual progress of others, as is fitting to the need and the occasion, that it may be a blessing and give grace (God's favor) to those who hear it.

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God [do not offend or vex or sadden Him], by Whom you were sealed (marked, branded as God's own, secured) for the day of redemption (of final deliverance through Christ from evil and the consequences of sin).

Speaking faith building words to one another imparts the grace (gifts and supernatural abilities) of God to those in need. Harsh, negative words of destruction offend and grieve the Holy Spirit of God and stop Him from bringing us into the fullness of Christ's redemption.

Wrong talking is not fitting for a Christian. His speech should rather be filled with thanksgiving.

Ephesians 5:4

Amplified Bible (AMP)

⁴ Let there be no filthiness (obscenity, indecency) nor foolish and sinful (silly and corrupt) talk, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting or becoming; but instead voice your thankfulness [to God].

8. How can we reach perfection in our Christian lives?

When we learn to speak right words in every situation of life, we have attained perfection. As a small bit in a horse's mouth directs his entire body, and a small rudder steers a huge ship wherever the pilot desires, so also the tongue charts the entire course of your life.

James 3:2-5

Amplified Bible (AMP)

² For we all often stumble and fall and offend in many things. And if anyone does not offend in speech [never says the wrong things], he is a fully developed character and a perfect man, able to control his whole body and to curb his entire nature.

³ If we set bits in the horses' mouths to make them obey us, we can turn their whole bodies about.

⁴ Likewise, look at the ships: though they are so great and are driven by rough winds, they are steered by a

very small rudder wherever the impulse of the helmsman determines.

⁵ Even so the tongue is a little member, and it can boast of great things. See how much wood or how great a forest a tiny spark can set ablaze!

James 3:2-5

New American Standard Bible (NASB)

"For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle (or control) the whole body as well.

3 Now if we put the bits into the horses' mouths so that they may obey us, we direct their entire body as well.

4 Behold, the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder, wherever the inclination of the pilot desires.

5 So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. Behold, how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!"

If we can control our words, we can control our lives.

9. What is a real problem that ought not to be in our Christian lives?

The double standard of confession that most Christians have. From the same mouth that so heartily praises the Lord, also comes criticism and negative speaking. The bible says these things ought not to be this way.

James 3:9-12

Amplified Bible (AMP)

⁹ With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men who were made in God's likeness!

¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come forth blessing and cursing. These things, my brethren, ought not to be so.

¹¹ Does a fountain send forth [simultaneously] from the same opening fresh water and bitter?

¹² Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine figs? Neither can a salt spring furnish fresh water.

10. How can we rectify this problem?

After hearing a study like this, most Christians are challenged to start speaking right words, but can't. Why?

Matthew 12:34-35

Amplified Bible (AMP)

³⁴ You offspring of vipers! How can you speak good things when you are evil (wicked)? For out of the fullness (the overflow, the superabundance) of the heart the mouth speaks.

³⁵ The good man from his inner good treasure flings forth good things, and the evil man out of his inner evil storehouse flings forth evil things.

Matthew 12:34-35

New American Standard Bible (NASB)

34 "You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.

35 The good man out of his good treasure brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of his evil treasure brings forth what is evil."

You can only speak forth out of the treasure you have laid up in your heart.

Matthew 12:34-35

Twentieth Century New Testament (TCNT)

"...For what fills the heart will rise to the mouth."

The bible says that a GOOD MAN has been laying up the treasure of God's Word in his heart and brings forth what is good. An EVIL MAN has been laying up evil treasure in his heart and brings forth what is evil.

What fruit have you been bringing forth? That will tell you what treasure you have been laying up in your heart.

Exodus 33:16-17

Amplified Bible (AMP)

¹⁶ For by what shall it be known that I and Your people have found favor in Your sight? Is it not in Your going with us so that we are distinguished, I and Your people, from all the other people upon the face of the earth?

¹⁷ And the Lord said to Moses, I will do this thing also that you have asked, for you have found favor, loving-kindness, and mercy in My sight and I know you personally and by name.

" NEVER AGAIN LIST "

(Start each day on the right foot by affirming your never again list)

NEVER AGAIN will I confess "I can't" for "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
(Philippians 4:13)

NEVER AGAIN will I confess lack, for "my God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

NEVER AGAIN will I confess fear, for "God has not given me a spirit of fear, but of power, of love and of a sound mind." (2 Timothy 1:7)

NEVER AGAIN will I confess doubt and lack of faith for "God has given to every man the measure of faith." (Rom 12:3)

NEVER AGAIN will I confess weakness, for "the Lord is the strength of my life." ((Psalm 27:1)

NEVER AGAIN will I confess supremacy of satan over my life for "Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world." (1 John 4:4)

NEVER AGAIN will I confess defeat, for "God always causes me to triumph in Christ Jesus." (2 Corinthians 2:14)

NEVER AGAIN will I confess lack of wisdom for "Christ Jesus is made unto me wisdom from God."
(1 Corinthians 1:30)

NEVER AGAIN will I confess sickness for "by His stripes I am healed." (Isaiah 53:5)

NEVER AGAIN will I confess bondage for "where the Spirit of the Lord is there is Liberty." (2 Corinthians 2:17)

NEVER AGAIN will I confess condemnation for "there is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1)

NEVER AGAIN will I confess worry or frustration for I "cast all my cares upon Him who cares for me."
(1 Peter 5:7)

Praise God - His Truth has set me free!