

Bridle Your Tongue

Lesson Page

Prov 18:21a **Death and life are in the power of the tongue.** The single most important weapon that a believer has at his disposal is the TONGUE! Your tongue is your #1 weapon against the devil just as surely as an M-16 rifle is the #1 weapon of a soldier in the army. It is always loaded and it ALWAYS produces results. You cannot turn its power off and on at will. Your tongue is ALWAYS working either for you, or against you. What you SAY will ALWAYS have an effect on you and the people you talk about. ALWAYS! This knowledge is not born in us. Most people think that it really makes no difference what they say. The truth is, however, **YOU WILL NEVER RISE ABOVE YOUR CONFESSION!** The apostle James said it like this: **James 1:26** **If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.** The Greek word translated “vain” in that verse means “PROFITLESS!” If you don’t learn to become expert at bridling your tongue, your Christianity will profit you nothing in this life. You can go to heaven when you die, but you will not live an overcoming life now! To think that you are going to conquer your enemy without bridling your tongue would be like an American soldier in WWII thinking that he could conquer Hitler’s armies without a weapon. Imagine an American soldier throwing down his rifle and simply walking up to the enemy line thinking that the enemy would surrender simply because he was an American. The enemy would have laughed as they shot him to death and he would have been the butt of their jokes at their campfires that night. Most Christians are even more foolish than that soldier because they haven’t thrown down their weapon [their tongue], but are using it AGAINST THEMSELVES AND THEIR FELLOW SOLDIERS! Every time you speak opposite to the Word of God concerning yourself, you shoot yourself in the foot and your enemy laughs! Every time you speak against your brother or sister you are shooting them in the foot and your enemy laughs. To the enemy, Christians are like an army of amateur soldiers who were never trained in the use of their weapons. They watch with glee as we bad mouth ourselves, gossip about others, slander others, and speak judgment on others. In the spirit realm, demons sit back with glee as they watch us run around shooting ourselves and our fellow soldiers. And the biggest belly-laugh of all is when they watch us operate like that and then hear us say, “Why doesn’t God bless me?” The demons roll with laughter and say, “What FOOLS!” Christian, I hope that makes you mad! Fighting mad! Mad enough to once and for all decide that you are going to bridle your tongue with the Word of God! Make the decision today to begin scheduling time to do nothing but CONFESS THE WORD OF GOD! Become expert by practice in using your tongue in exactly the same way that a soldier becomes an expert marksman by practicing with an M-16 rifle. Get out on the target range and practice by spending hours doing nothing but SPEAKING GOD’S WORD! OVER AND OVER AND OVER UNTIL YOU BECOME EXPERT AT IT!

Notice that the apostle James says there is a connection between the tongue and the heart! Speaking contrary to God’s Word causes a person’s heart to be deceived! The opposite is also true. Speaking in agreement with God’s Word causes a person’s heart to be filled with TRUTH! As you spend time, on purpose, SPEAKING God’s Word you are driving deception from your heart and at the same time you are filling your heart with the TRUTH! That’s why Jesus said, **Luke 6:45** **A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.** The Greek word translated “treasure” in that verse means “deposit.” Every time you speak God’s Word you are making a “deposit” of TRUTH into your heart. A heart full of deception will always produce “evil things” when the tongue speaks. When TRUTH is in your heart in abundance, when you speak, you will bring forth “good things.” BEGIN DEPOSITING TRUTH!

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Prov 4:24 Put away from thee a froward *mouth*, and perverse *lips* put far from thee.

Prov 5:1-2 My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding: That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy *lips* may keep knowledge.

Prov 8:5-11 O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart. Hear; for I will *speak* of excellent things; and the opening of my *lips* shall be right things. For my *mouth* shall *speak truth*; and wickedness is an abomination to my *lips*. All the *words* of my *mouth* are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them. They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

Prov 10:13 In the *lips* of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.

Prov 10:20-22 The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth. The *lips* of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom. The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. [NOTICE THE CONNECTION OF THE TONGUE, THE LIPS, AND THE BLESSING OF THE LORD THAT MAKETH RICH WITH NO SORROW!]

Prov 12:13 The wicked is snared by the transgression of his *lips*: but the just shall come out of trouble. [BY THE OBEDIENCE OF HIS LIPS!]

Prov 12:22 Lying *lips* are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight.

Prov 13:3 He that keepeth his *mouth* keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his *lips* shall have destruction.

Prov 14:3 In the *mouth* of the foolish is a rod of pride [THE PROUD THINK THAT THEY CAN SPEAK ANYTHING THEY WANT OUT OF THEIR MOUTH.]: but the *lips* of the wise shall preserve them. [THE WISE BRIDLE THEIR TONGUE WITH THE WORD OF GOD!]

Prov 14:7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the *lips* of knowledge. [YOUR EARS ARE NOT TRASH CANS. DON'T LISTEN TO GOSSIP. IF THEY WON'T STOP SPEAKING IT, SIMPLY WALK AWAY. "GO FROM THEM."]

Prov 16:13 Righteous *lips* are the delight of kings; and they love him that *speaketh* right. [JESUS, YOUR KING, LOVES TO HEAR YOU SPEAKING "RIGHT" THINGS.]

Prov 16:27 An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his *lips* there is as a burning fire. [YOU ARE WORKING FOR THE ENEMY, DIGGING UP EVIL, WHEN YOU SPEAK GOSSIP AND SLANDER AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR. UNGODLY = AGAINST GOD.]

Prov 18:7 A fool's *mouth* is his destruction, and his *lips* are the snare of his soul.

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Confession Page

I AM A SOLDIER IN THE ARMY OF THE LORD!

MY TONGUE IS MY NUMBER ONE WEAPON AGAINST THE ENEMY!

THE WORD OF GOD IS MY AMMUNITION! I ALWAYS SPEAK GOD'S WORD!

I AM A SKILLED MARKSMAN WITH WORDS!

I NEVER SHOOT MYSELF IN THE FOOT! I NEVER SHOOT MY NEIGHBOR IN THE FOOT!

I SPEND HOURS SPEAKING GOD'S WORD TO REMAIN BEING A SHARP SHOOTER!

THE ENEMY NEVER LAUGHS AT ME!

THE ENEMY FEARS ME AS A TRAINED MARKSMAN!

DEMONS RUN FOR COVER WHEN I SPEAK!

I AM SKILLED IN THE HANDLING OF THE WORD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS! (Heb 5:13)

I WILL NOT TOLERATE GOSSIP. I WILL NOT SPEAK IT. I WILL NOT HEAR IT.

I WILL NOT TOLERATE SLANDER. I WILL NOT SPEAK IT. I WILL NOT HEAR IT.

I WILL NOT TOLERATE LIES. I WILL NOT SPEAK THEM. I WILL NOT HEAR THEM.

I "GO" FROM THEM THAT SPEAK EVIL. THEY ARE TRYING TO SHOOT ME IN THE FOOT. I WOULD RATHER BE "RUDE" THAN SHOT!

MY WORDS BRING DEATH OR LIFE TO ME EVERY TIME I SPEAK!

I BRIDLE MY TONGUE WITH THE WORD OF GOD...ON PURPOSE!

I SPEND TIME BRIDLING MY TONGUE WITH THE WORD OF GOD...ON PURPOSE!

I SPEND TIME ON THE TARGET FIELD "PRACTICING" MY SKILL WITH WORDS!

I MAKE DEPOSITS OF TRUTH IN MY HEART BY SPEAKING GOD'S WORD!

DECEPTION LEAVES MY HEART AS I SPEAK GOD'S WORD!

TRUTH FILLS MY HEART AS I SPEAK GOD'S WORD!

TARGET YOUR ENEMY BECAUSE EVERY WORD YOU SPEAK IS A SHOT FIRED!