

## **"WATCH WHAT YOU SAY!"**

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



*May I have your undivided attention for a minute? I implore you to listen very carefully to the words that are coming out of my mouth. There are three very important reasons I want to share with you today why you should watch what you say at all times! The first reason is GOD. Psalm 34:1 says, "I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." The second reason is OTHERS. Ephesians 4:26 says, "Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath." And the last reason is YOURSELF. James 3:6 says, "And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell."*

*Be honest, have you ever found yourself in a heated situation or conversation and you opened your mouth and spoke solely from your emotions, before you actually thought about what you were saying and how it would impact the person or situation that the words were directed toward? If you were totally honest, I'm sure you answered emphatically "Yes!" You do realize that once your mouth opens, and the words are released, you can never retrieve them nor reverse the direction they came from. Sadly, I must inform you that the damage is irrevocable! Listen, I am well aware that there are some folk who will dance on your last good nerve and take you there every time! Those kind of folk make you want to give them a piece of what little mind you have left! They are the kind of folk you would just love to line up and then walk down that line and "pimp slap" every one of them one at a time! Oh I'm sorry, I had a flashback! Forgive me. [Let's refocus.] Even in the midst of your raging temper, if you really want to see a positive outcome, then positive words must come out of your mouth.*

*On the real... GOD is always looking and listening. He created you to give Him glory. That comes exclusively from your thoughts, your deeds and your words. If the words that are flowing from your lips are not glorifying the Father, then they should not be a part of your vocabulary. Job 16:19 says, "Also now, behold, my witness is in Heaven, and my record is on high. The only way to bless God is with the fruit of your lips! When we bless the Lord, we are showing love and affection toward Him. Psalm 113:3 specifically says when to bless the Lord, "From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised." That means 24/7 – not if and when you feel like it, but all day long, nothing but praise should come out of your mouth.*

*When it comes to OTHERS, be extremely watchful that you don't allow another person to cause you to sin by being sucked into their mess. You are admonished in 2 Corinthians 10:5 to "cast down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." Whatever goes in, must come out. So if you're constantly feeding your mind and spirit negativity, guess what? That is what will come forth out of you -- negative thoughts, negative deeds, and negative words. If you surround yourself with negative thinking and negative speaking-people, before you know it, you will begin to sound just like them. Do you recall the old cliché "Association brings about an Assimilation?" Well Psalm 109:28 says, "Let them curse, but bless thou when they arise. Let them be ashamed; but let thy servant rejoice." Surround yourself with positive thinkers, doers and believers! They will speak positively in your life.*

*And finally YOU. Look closely at the portion of scripture in James 3:6 where it says, "...and setteth on fire the course of nature ..." Are you listening Saints? Whatever you speak outwardly about your situation will set the course of what nature brings your way. You must learn to speak those things that are not as though they are. If you want prosperity in your life, stop saying, "I am poor" and begin to speak to yourself and say instead, "I am rich". I heard a preacher say the other day that we are not to speak honestly about our situation because then that is what will come your way. Have you noticed that when you say, "I am broke" all of your friends chime right in with that same sad tune? Look in the mirror and say, "I am rich! I am blessed! I am prosperous!" If you say it enough, you will begin to believe it. And when you believe it, you will begin to feel it. And when you feel it, you'll be able to see it. And when you begin to see it, you'll be able to receive it in the name of Jesus. Your attitude will change. Your disposition will change. Your walk will change. Your praise will change. The power of life and death lie in the tongue. SO ... WATCH WHAT YOU SAY!*

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