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**The Power of Words #2
(Words Have Power)
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The Bible specifically says what's in our heart is going to leak out of our mouth and words are powerful. There is death and there is life in them.

Proverbs 18:20-21 (KJV)

²⁰ A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

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

As Christian people if we want to validate our faith to others and have Christ-like behavior we have to learn to bridle our tongues. The Book of James in Chapters one and three tell of bridling our tongues and the importance of it.

We frame our world with the words of our mouths. This is also true in our relationships. Our words connect us to God and our words can either disconnect a relationship or build it. Most relationships get divided with words being spoken first. If you have a divided relationship and you want it repaired it is to be build the same way it was destroyed, by the words of your mouth. Build it back the same way.

Words in our relationships with one another can be death or life.

Proverbs 18:20-21 (MSG)

²⁰ Words satisfy the mind as much as fruit does the stomach; good talk is as gratifying as a good harvest.

²¹ Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit—you choose.

Who has the choice of the words we speak? We don't have the choice of the words anyone else speaks. We have the choice of the words we speak. We have the choice or power of that. It's quite amazing when you consider that the tongue has the power of life or death in it.

Proverbs 13:2-3 (KJV)

² A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.

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

Some more examples for the tongue:

Psalms 141:3 (KJV)

³ Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

That should be prayed every morning before we get out of bed. As should:

Proverbs 8:6-8 (KJV)

⁶ Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.

⁷ For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

⁸ All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them.

Do our words cost us anything? Do I have the right to voice my opinion? Biblically? Do I have the right to let the governor come off my mouth and allow words to just spew out? Hurt idle words?

Matthew 12:33-35 (KJV)

³³ Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.

³⁴ O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

³⁵ 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.

In that passage the tree is our heart and the fruit is a result of the words that we speak. Either make it good or bad. Also in James Chapter 3 the letter is saying lets have some fruit if we are Christians. Part of the fruit is learning to bridle our tongues.

How do we find out what's in the heart? Through pressure, different situations, especially in relationships. In our relationships words can build them up or tear them down.

In disagreements the better communicator usually wins the disagreement but they will lose the agreement in the relationship. When you lose the agreement in a relationship God is so full of grace and mercy but if not corrected over time the blessings are going to start dwindling little by little.

Ephesians 4:29 (KJV)

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.

Sarcasm tears down an individual and a relationship. It does not speak life into a relationship. It is destructive. You can say something to an individual and they get offended and you tell them you were just kidding, but there was enough truth in it to get your point across. It can destroy a relationship.

Words are costly and we can pay a pretty price for them.

Proverbs 17:27-28 (MSG)

**²⁷ The one who knows much says little;
an understanding person remains calm.**

**²⁸ Even dunces who keep quiet are thought to be wise;
as long as they keep their mouths shut, they're smart.**

When we fly off the handle we are not an understanding person. We are only seeing our side. Spiritually our responsibility is to get control of our tongue because life and death are in it. Words do hurt people. They don't go away once said. Words spoken negatively and speak death can be remembered a lifetime.

We must all know and realize that our affirmation comes from Jesus Christ. Our happiness is not in someone else's head. Our security is in Jesus Christ. He sees us whole and without blemish.

We need to acknowledge our mistakes but if all we ever get in our life is told what we do wrong it will imprison us and we will never do anything right. We will move to and live on that level.

In the area of relationships we can destroy them with our words, tone and body language.

Words are powerful. Do you think God values relationships more than you getting your way? How do you think God looks at it? Does he take more joy in you getting your way or protecting a relationship? He has more priority in a relationship than you getting your way. Jesus came for people. We need to develop that same mentality. We are not just here for self. We are here for one another.

Words invest in people. Words are healing and a healing agent.

Proverbs 16:23-24 (NKJV)

**²³ The heart of the wise teaches his mouth,
And adds learning to his lips.**

**²⁴ Pleasant words are like a honeycomb,
Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.**

Mark 11:23 (NKJV)

²³ For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

The error is that we don't believe in our heart. It states we say, not think, wish, or try.

If we are born again let's have kingdom talk and kingdom words.

