

LIFE AND DEATH ARE IN THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

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Lesson #2 (Spirits that will destroy)

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

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Death and life are in the power of the tongue - This may apply to all men. Many have lost their lives by their tongue, and some have saved their lives by it: but it applies most forcibly to public pleaders; on many of their tongues hangs life or death.

1Co 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

1Co 13:2 And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

1Co 13:3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

1Co 13:4 Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

1Co 13:5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

1Co 13:6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

1Co 13:7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

1Co 13:8 Charity never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away.

WHAT CHARITY IS
(Living Letters)

1. Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful not proud.
2. Never haughty nor selfish nor rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong.
3. Never glad about injustice, but rejoiceth whenever truth wins out.
4. If you love someone you will be loyal to him, no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him , always expect he best of him, and always stand your ground in defending him.

ANGER AND A LOOSE TONGUE GO HAND IN HAND

1. Wars that have claimed thousands of lives have been ignited by the tongue's spark. Marriages that once set sail on a joyous journey, have steered into the rocks by the rudder of uncontrolled tongue.

Pro 15:18 A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but *he that is* slow to anger appeaseth strife.

Pro 11:29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool *shall be* servant to the wise of heart.

TONGUE CAN NO MAN TAME

1. The Bible compares the tongue to the rudder of a ship, which although it is relatively small, controls the direction of an entire vessel:

Jam 3:3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

Jam 3:4 Behold also the ships, which though *they be* so great, and *are* driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

Jam 3:5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!
(How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire!)

Jam 3:6 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.

Jam 3:8 But the tongue can no man tame; *it is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Controlling our Speech

1. If we all realized that we will have to give account to God for every idle word, we will less likely to speak so quickly and let our tongue cause us to sin.

Jam 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

Jam 1:20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

Pro 16:32 *He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.*

Mat 12:35 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.

Mat 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

Mat 12:37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

THE HEART OF EVERY MATTER IS THE HEART

Pro 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

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

Luk 6:45 ... for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh

Psa 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

NOT EASY TO TAME

1. The Tongue is like a bucking bronco, just when we think we have it tamed, its wild nature, like a wild Mustang breaks out, sending this snorting creature into a bucking spree, hooves flying, board slintering, harness dangling and dust choking.

A CONROLLED TONGUE:

1. Can give new delights, year after year.
2. Can make a plain person into a beautiful person
3. Can heal bruises and scrapes
4. Can sooth the agitated temper
5. Can give hope to the despondent soul
6. Can point the way to God

Psa 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Psa 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

2Co 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Pro 17:27 He that hath knowledge spareth his words: *and* a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.

THE TONGUE CANNOT BECOME A BEAUTIFUL THING BY ITS OWN EFFORT

1. The Tongue cannot be tamed on its own by its own effort, it takes a supernatural work of the Holy Ghost.

The Prophet Isaiah Needed a Touch of God on His Lips:

Isa 6:1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

Isa 6:2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Isa 6:4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

Isa 6:5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

Isa 6:6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

Isa 6:7 And he laid *it* upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

Isa 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here *am* I; send me.

WHY GOD USED TONGUES AS THE EVIDENCE OF THE HOLY GHOST

1. He takes that which no man can tame and cleans his heart out puts his spirit in him and speaks through him the wonderful word of life. (New tongues).

2. Tongues of Fire set upon each of them on the Day of Pentecost>
3. The tongue is man's greatest expression of his spirit. Man is a spiritual creature, he is emotional. Because he is emotional, he must give expression to these emotions. The ability and power to co-ordinate thought and tongue into intelligent speech is one of the highest prerogatives of man. This elevates him above the beast of the field. This makes him superior to any of God's creation. This is the most distinguishing feature of his being. The tongue becomes the vehicle of expression for the spirit. All of the emotions, such as love, hate, anger, sorrow, joy happiness, relief, and serenity are communicated through the tongue. It is the gateway to your heart, your feelings, your spirit and attitude.
4. All these things being true: It is not difficult to see why God would use the speaking in tongues to express the greatest, most wonderful experience that mortal man could receive. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost, His Spirit and yours become one. He uses your tongue and voice to express it. It is a wonder of wonders, chosen not by man, but by God, the sovereign ruler of the universe.

1Co 14:21 In the law it is written, With *men of other tongues and other lips* will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.