

Upright Woman



In this issue:

- Correction in Love
- Gossip
- Hatred
- Pride
- Hasty Words

Correction in Love

by: Elaine Hopkins



Elaine Hopkins has been married to her husband, David, an elder at Southwest COC, for 45 years. They have been members there for most of their married life. They have 2 sons who serve as elder, preach, and teach. She has been a bible class teacher for many years. She enjoys traveling with her husband and spending time with their two sons, their precious, godly wives and 6 grandchildren.

God gives instruction on who to rebuke or correct and how to do it, as well as words of advice for the one being rebuked.

It is very easy to become defensive when someone corrects us. We tend to look for faults in the one offering correction or to blame someone else for our error. We have the choice to either listen to correction or become angry when we are corrected. "A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke" (Prov. 13:1).

According to Proverbs 27:5, "Open rebuke is better than secret love." An open rebuke should be an indication of the love we feel for someone. If we didn't care, we wouldn't take the time to lovingly correct someone. The psalmist saw correction as a kindness: "Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities" (Ps. 141:5).

Nathan showed his love for King David by helping him to understand his sin, which gave David the opportunity to repent. David sinned many times, including adultery with Bathsheba and the murder of Uriah the Hittite. When Nathan corrected David, he repented: "And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD" (2 Sam. 12:13).

Consider Peter—what an example he is to us of constructively accepting rebuke. Peter learned from each rebuke, which resulted in the growth of his faith and courage. In Matthew 14, Peter wanted to walk on the water like Jesus and Jesus encouraged him to do so. Peter stepped out of the boat and walked on the water, but became afraid and started to sink.

Continued on Page 2

As Jesus was rescuing Peter, He rebuked him: "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Matt. 14:26-31). Probably the best known rebuke Peter received was due to his denial of Christ. "And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, 'Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.' And Peter went out, and wept bitterly" (Luke 22:61-62). Peter was also rebuked by Paul because he was guilty of shunning the Gentiles out of fear of the Jews (Gal. 2:11).

We need to make sure that when we are corrected, we receive it wisely, as indicated in Proverbs 9: 7-9: "He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot. Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning."

When we are corrected by a fellow Christian, we should assume the correction is given in love. We need to reflect on the words of the one who cared enough to gather their courage and come talk to us. Study on our part may be required and if we find the correction applies to us, we need to make changes.

Proverbs 15 is overflowing with advice for giving and receiving correction. We learn in verses 10-14, "Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die. Hell and destruction are before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men? A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise. A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken. The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness." If we follow this advice when we are corrected, we can avoid the heartache of going down the wrong path.

Correction should be given thoughtfully and in a way that will help all of us reach heaven. We are instructed in Matthew 18:15: "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother." We also need to heed Paul's advice and make sure our words are seasoned with grace and salt (Col. 4:6). Consider the loving example of Aquila and Priscilla, who took Apollos aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately (Acts 18:24-26).

According to 2 Timothy 4:2, we don't just rebuke and walk away. Just as God is patient with us, we need to be longsuffering. Give people a chance to examine a loving rebuke and give them time to change. Sometimes, change is easy and quick. Sometimes, even though we know something is wrong and we need to change, we find that old habits are hard to break. We should provide encouragement as well as correction and instruction.

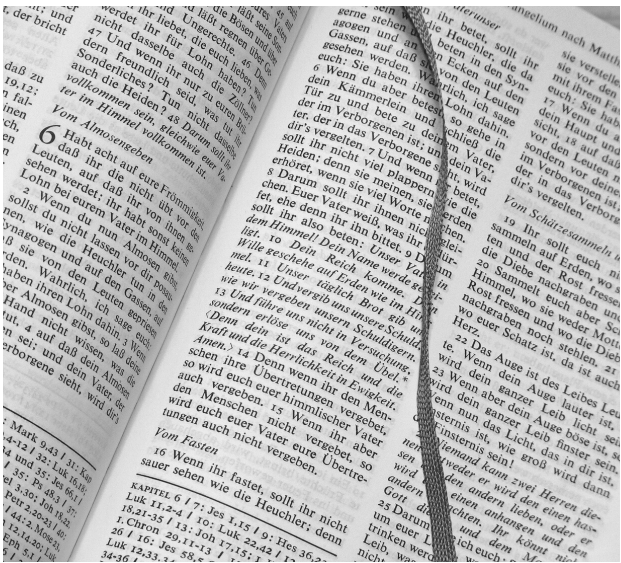
Sometimes people are unaware they are in need of correction. This can come from a lack of biblical knowledge or a lack of understanding. When we correct, we should provide a biblical reason why the correction is needed. In Job 6:24, Job told his friends, "Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause me to understand wherein I have erred." Job's friends were accusing him of having done wrong, but had no basis for their accusations.

May our hearts be tender toward those struggling with how to approach someone and toward those who need to repent. "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent" (Rev. 3:19).

Gossip

by: Lena Groda

We do an awful lot of talking. Think about it. Every day you speak to your family, friends, and GOD, and those words can be a blessing or a curse. Proverbs 18:21 says, "Life and death are in the power of the tongue...." Judgment will be brought on all the words we speak, so we had better be sure they please God. Proverbs 10:19-21 tells us, "When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent. The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; the heart of the wicked is of little worth. The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of sense."



Continued on Page 3

Words are important because of the effect they have. Sometimes an encouraging word can lift the spirit of someone who is discouraged, or tell someone they are being thought of when they are sick. We are to build one another up (1 Thess. 5:11) and not tear each other down. We are told in 1 Timothy 5:13 that young women particularly need to be busy for the Lord because "... they learn to be idlers, going about from house to house, and not only idlers, but also gossips and busybodies, saying what they should not."

A careless word may kindle strife
A cruel word may wreck a life
A bitter word may hate instill
A brutal word may smite and kill
A gracious word may smooth the way
A joyous word may light the day
A timely word may lessen stress
A loving word may heal and bless
—Unknown

Sadly, care and concern often turns into "Did you KNOW....?" and "I heard...." with sideways glances. Gossip is an intrusive evil. "The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels; they go down into the inner parts of the body" (Prov 18:8). The wisdom of Solomon expounds, "A worthless man plots evil, and his speech is like a scorching fire. A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends" (Prov. 16:27,28). The wisest man on earth knew a lot about the evils of the tongue (Prov. 11:13). When a person repeats things they "heard" and they are asked if they can be quoted, they will usually recant all they said. Our next response should be, "Why are you comfortable telling me this?" The person who is quick to spread rumors and without fact-checking is worse off than a fool, because a foolish person can be taught out of their ignorance, but it is very difficult to overcome the pride of the person who is quick to have something to say (Prov. 29:20).

To get to the heart of the matter, we have to get to the heart. Most often what we put in will come out either in action or words. Notice Proverbs 4:23-24: "Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you." If we have a lack of love for God and his commands, it will make itself known in a lack of love for His people. Proverbs 11:9 says, "With his mouth the godless man would destroy his neighbor, but by knowledge the righteous are delivered." Psalm 141:3 needs to be a constant prayer: "Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth, keep watch over the door of my lips!"

Heads can be cut off with sharp tongues, and careless words are like daggers thrown around with no regard to where they land or who they hurt. Likewise, they are not able to be recalled once released. Even after forgiveness, the scars of the wounds inflicted will remain. Trust is not easily regained, reputations not easily mended. God has given us instructions to avoid these snares. Ephesians 4:29 says, "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear." James gives more admonition, "If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless" (James 1:26). Second Corinthians 12:20 lists gossip among sins that Paul would have to rebuke. It is obvious that gossip and slander cannot be a part of one's life if they want to be pleasing to God.

Remember the acronym THINK. Ask, is it True? Is it Helpful? Is it Inspiring? Is it Necessary? Is it Kind? It may be true, but that doesn't mean it needs to be repeated. Gossip is like glitter. Once the bottle is opened, there is no way to contain it. It gets on everyone and everything. When one thinks they are only telling one person, BEWARE! It will spread very quickly, and it will always point back to the person with the most glitter on them!

"If you can't say good and encouraging things, say nothing. Nothing is often a good thing to say, and always a clever thing to say" (Will Durant).

Getting to Know... Jennifer Nuckels



Jennifer Storm Nuckels is one of our sisters in Christ here at Southwest and it's a pleasure to share with all of you some personal insight to this lovely, very productive lady!

Since there wasn't a hospital in Premont, TX where her parents lived, Jennifer made her debut in Kingsville. She grew up on her family's commercial tree farm "Storm Nursery". During her 8th grade year, following her parent's divorce, she moved with her Mom and brother to Corpus Christi. She finished school at Flour Bluff and stayed nearby to earn a degree in Business Administration in Marketing from Texas A&M University/Corpus. You'll see later where that degree has taken her!

Yay "Match.Com"! This is where Jennifer and husband David discovered each other. They were married in 2007 in Driftwood and this union has gifted them two amazing sons. Landon is 14, in 8th grade and plays the trumpet as well as tennis. I'll also add that he is a shining example to us all at Southwest – he has a pure servant's heart! He doesn't wait to be asked but rather takes the initiative to lend a hand at our congregation activities. Barret is soon to be 10 years old, is a 4th grader and plays baseball as well as flag football. Both boys began this school year at a new school, San Marcos Academy and so far, so good.

In addition to her Mom/Wife role, Jennifer is very civic-minded and has served on the boards of Buda Chamber of Commerce, Hays Education Foundation as well as Baylor Scott & White in Buda. She has also served as President of Buda Economic Development until she actually became employed there almost a year ago. Through the BED, Jennifer accomplished an important feat – she played a role in establishing the first program in the country that aided businesses which were impacted by COVID. And this garnered an international award! She says the biggest 'win' about this is the fact that it helped over 180 businesses and saved over 500 jobs.

I asked Jennifer what the secret is to juggling all that she does and she replied, "I don't. I fail often. I try to hold everything together but every now and then I crack... and I just can't. Saying 'no' is something I'm trying to get better at. But I want to help whenever asked and my #1 personality trait is when I say I'm going to do something, I will nearly kill myself following through on it. However, I'm learning for my sanity's sake to decline more often and I remind myself that my family is my number one job. In fact, I have a sign in my house that says 'If you want to change the world, go home and love your family'."

The Nuckles family is on a quest to see all 50 states and thus far they have visited 30. They love to travel and when on trips it's always go-go-go! The beach happens to be Jennifer's special place. She loves the joy and peace that comes from just sitting on the beach watching her boys play and listening to the waves. There is a family tradition of celebrating Texas Independence Day by typically hosting a BBQ at their house, sharing their love of all things 'Texas' with friends and family.

I think it helps each of us when we share with each other what our greatest challenges are as we strive to be a Christian woman/mother/wife/daughter/friend. Jennifer says for her it is definitely being a full-time working mom. She often feels overwhelmed and realizes her personal Bible study and commitment often take a back seat. No doubt, those feelings are shared by many of us. We need to pray for each other in this regard.

Jennifer grew up in the Church of Christ. Her Mom, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother were all members, as were their husbands. When she was a teenager, she split her time between her Mom's house (and the church) and her Dad's house (his family is Baptist"). She was baptized at age 28. Jennifer says that it was when she met David that she began to solidify her faith in the fact that she had known the Truth all along.

Hatred

by: Susan McCann

As a Christian, is there a time when it is appropriate to hate? Scripture tells us there is such a time. We should hate sin, the devil, and all unrighteous activity. However, we will not find a scripture that instructs us to hate the sinner or person involved in unrighteous activity. We are instructed repeatedly to love our brethren (1 John 4:20; 2:9) and to love our enemies (Matt. 5:44; Luke 6:27). Love is a theme throughout God's word. Christians should be filled with love, but that is not always the case. Let's face it, some people are harder to love than others. We all have differing likes, personalities, and quirks. Even with all these idiosyncrasies, we must find a way to love.

Do you struggle with anger or hatred in your heart? Maybe it's not an "all the time" feeling; however, at times, you just feel it. Or maybe a certain person or circumstance just seems to bring it out in you.

Most of the time, feelings of anger and hatred are worsened by our own feelings and emotions. There are some practical measures we can take to lessen those feelings:

1. Pray - Instead of letting those feelings grow and fester, we can pray. The benefits of prayer offer us more than going to our Father in communication. Prayer has a calming effect. Prayer causes us to slow down and think about the problem. Sometimes, this is all it takes to lessen the bad feelings we have.
2. Self-Examination - Ask yourself the following questions: Why do I feel this anger or hate? Am I part of the problem? What can I do to fix it?
3. Talk to the person we have those feelings about - If you've prayed and examined yourself and you still feel like there is a problem, go to that person and talk it out. Hurtful things should never be said about the person or the situation.
4. Memorize scriptures - Find scriptures related to hate and anger and memorize them. Meditate on them. God's word has the answer to all conflict resolution.

The book of Proverbs is full of good advice on conflict resolution. Let's look at a few scriptures from Proverbs that deal with handling the problems of anger and hatred:

"A wrathful man stirs up strife, But he who is slow to anger allays contention." Proverbs 15:18

Most quarrels happen because of people rather than subject matter. Our attitude in approaching people is key. We need to listen more and think before we speak. Patience and self-control are listed as part of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23) and are an essential part of the Christian's lifestyle. It takes prayer and practice to develop the wisdom needed to be slow to anger in all circumstances.

"Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; And where there is no talebearer, strife ceases. As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire, So is a contentious man to kindle strife." Proverbs 26:20-21

Solomon makes a statement that is very easy for each of us to understand. My family loves to camp. One of our favorite things about camping is just sitting around the campfire and visiting. If we fail to add wood to the fire, we won't have a fire for very long. Each of us must realize that our words and actions can stop a fire or they can build it into a homecoming bonfire. Don't be the wood - don't fuel the fire. Use your words to calm a situation, not to stir. We should strive to be calm, trustworthy, not a gossiper, and not contentious. Solomon says it would be better to live in the corner of the housetop or in the wilderness than to live with a contentious woman (Prov. 21:9; 21:19). None of us want to be that woman!

"A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger. The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness." Proverbs 15:1-2

Again, we see the importance of our attitude when dealing with people. My son-in-law coaches and he often quotes this phrase to his team when they are struggling: "Two things you can control are attitude and effort." This is true in sports and in life.

"Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all sins." Proverbs 10:12

Continued on Page 6

Our attitudes and actions have results. We make the choice to respond in love or hate. When you find yourself dealing with something that you know has the potential to go wrong, try seeing yourself as a mediator not the injured party.

“The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, And his glory is to overlook a transgression.” Proverbs 19:11

The first half of this proverb focuses on self-control. We know from other scriptures that anger itself is not the problem (James 1:19-20). How we choose to handle that anger is the problem. Anger and hate are heart problems and can cause so much heartache and even affect our own health.

The second half talks about overlooking a transgression. This is not talking about overlooking a sin against God. It's talking about forgiving offences done to you. We should not keep score or hold grudges but have a forgiving spirit. When we consider the forgiveness we have received, it should make us willing to practice the golden rule of treating others the way we want to be treated (Matt. 7:12).

In times when you are struggling with feelings of hate and anger, turn to God. Don't fuel your anger by dwelling on the things that upset you. Don't build the problem into something bigger than it is. Pray. If the situation warrants it, discuss the problem calmly. Practice self-control, practice love, and practice forgiveness. You can't always control a situation, but you can control your attitude and effort.

Pride

by: Brittney English

Have you ever been told to “take pride in your work”? Or “be proud of yourself because of [fill in the blank]”? In today's society, there is a push for us to be proud or to “take pride” in ourselves or the things we possess. The world wants us to be proud of ourselves, of our accomplishments, or even of our sin. But what happens when that ideology is really taken to heart? It seeps into our minds that we should think higher of ourselves than we ought to, and can negatively affect our Christian walk.

What is pride? Webster defines pride as “an exaggerated self-esteem”. The Hebrew term for pride carries the idea of arrogance, excellence, or pomp. Based on these definitions, should we be prideful people? Let's look at some of the wisdom from the book of Proverbs about pride:

Prov. 14:3, 28:25, 16:18, and 18:12 all clearly show that God wants us to know that one who is unwise, foolish, full of strife, and headed for destruction is the type of person who is proud. Pride is blinding—it keeps us from seeing the truth of matters, or often our own fault(s) in a matter, or even from seeing others and their struggles. When prideful, we become so centered on ourselves, we are no longer concerned about the things and people we should be concerned with, especially in facing conflicts.

Phil. 2:3-4 tells us, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or empty pride, but in humility consider others more important than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others” (BSB). The Greek word for “selfish ambition” is one which carries the idea of acting for one's own gain, regardless of the discord and strife it causes; it places self-interest ahead of what the Lord declares right, or what is good for others. While the word for “empty pride” is a state of pride which is without basis or justification. Neither of these would be Christ-like attitudes! Pridefulness leads to selfish ambition and acting for one's own gain regardless of the way it may affect others.

We are told in Ja. 3 that if you have this prideful, self-seeking heart, you are lying against the truth and have “earthly, unspiritual, demonic” wisdom. James goes on to say that where this self-seeking heart is present, there is disorder and “every evil thing” (Ja. 3:14-16). Sisters, we ought not want to be grouped into a category with every evil thing!

Now, we may look at this and say, “I'm not a self-seeking person!” But, when conflict arises, can we say the same thing? When we are or feel as if we or our loved ones have been wronged, do we seek the best interest of the one who wronged us? Do we look for ways to lift up that person? Do we demand things of others because of our pride? When did we become like God and able to see others hearts or judge their souls? We are told to humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord and He will lift us up (1 Pet. 5:6). That means we lower our opinions of ourselves, our thoughts, our desires, and then handle the situation at hand.

Continued on Page 7

Did I maybe do something that could have caused this? Did I maybe misinterpret the situation? I should go talk to them and communicate how I feel or what I think happened and see if we can work it out.” Call to mind our passage from Phil. 2; we are called to have a mind like Christ! A mind that is not prideful and selfish, but submissive and humble.

So, instead of pride, what should we do or how should we behave? First, we can love. True agape love is not an emotion, but a choice. It is a conscious effort where one chooses to seek the best unabashedly and unselfishly for someone else regardless of the circumstances or who they are. 1 Corinthians 13:4-6 tells us this kind of love is patient and kind, not envious, not proud, not self-seeking, not easily angered, and keeps no record of wrong. Pride keeps score, love does not. When we realize what true, agape love is, and begin to practice it, we will be less apt to be prideful, keeping score of wrongs.

Second, we are called to practice humility. Proverbs 22:4 says “The rewards of humility and the fear of the LORD are wealth and honor and life”; humility carries great rewards! Paul urges in Ephesians 4 for them to “walk in a manner worthy of the calling you have received.” What does that look like? It tells us in the next few verses: “with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, and with diligence to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” Paul tells the brethren in Colossae “as the elect of God...clothe yourselves with hearts of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.” In 1 Peter 5:5 we again see the idea of clothing ourselves with humility: “...and be clothed with humility, for ‘God resists the proud, but gives grace [favor] to the humble.’” Remember when dealing with conflict, we are not perfect either; we have messed up before as well, and God still gave us another chance. Humility will bring that realization to your mind and help you to handle the conflict, like in 2 Timothy 2:25, “in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance....”

Last, have an attitude of gratitude. It is hard to be angry, to fight, to be prideful, or to be negative, when you’re too busy being thankful. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 tells us we are to give thanks in every circumstance; for this is God’s will for us. Paul often mentioned how thankful he was for like-minded and faithful brethren², so we should be too. We should be thankful for our victory in Christ (1 Cor. 15:57; 2 Cor. 9:15). We should be thankful for who God is (Rev. 11:17). And we should be thankful for all things, in general (Eph. 5:20). If we are too busy being thankful for all we have and all God has done for us, we won’t have time to stop and think improperly that we have done more for ourselves, that we don’t have enough, or that others are not doing enough for us.

In order to help others, we must let God’s light shine through us for others to see. Matthew 5:16 commands that we let our light shine before men, for the purpose that they may see us and what we do and because of that, glorify God the Father in heaven. We must treat others with real agape love, because that will seek their best interest and it can “cover over a multitude of sins” (1 Pet. 4:8). We must do to and for others the things we would want done to and for ourselves (Matt. 7:12; Luke 6:31; Gal. 5:14). Christ was the ultimate example of selflessness, love, humility, and submission—all attributes that lay opposite of pride. Let’s strive to seek an attitude like His.

¹Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, s.v. “pride,” accessed September 23, 2023, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/pride>.

Hasty Words

by: Ella Harris

Throughout God’s word there are endless examples and verses about the tongue and how powerful it is. God’s intention for us is to use our speech for Him to proclaim His word, but so often we are hasty with our words.

What are hasty words? Imagine that someone does something to you personally and ruins your whole day. In response, you go up to them and spew out all of these hurtful, angry, thoughtless and quick words. You are then immediately faced with regret from your actions. You have no idea what just happened, why you did it, and what you even said. Those are hasty words. They are said quickly out of anger, and with little or no thought.

How does God feel about hasty words? Proverbs 29:11 says, “A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back.” A fool has no care for anything he says or does, he will say hasty words any time with no regret. A wise man has the knowledge of God’s word and is very careful with his speech.

Continued on Page 8

Proverbs 29:20 says, “Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than him.” God is very clear on this point: it would be better to be a fool than to use hasty words. Let’s also look at proverbs 10:19-21 which tells us, “When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent. The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; the heart of the wicked is of little worth. The lips of the righteous feeds many, but fools die for lack of sense.” The tongue is so small but it has great power—whether for good or for evil. “Life and death are in the power of the tongue” (Prov. 18:21).

We may ask ourselves, but how can I stay away from hasty words? Whenever we get angry and feel the need to just say whatever comes to mind, we need to think back to the verses in Proverbs and remind ourselves that God has more hope for a fool than one who behaves in that way. Ask yourself: Is this right? Why am I doing this? How is this action going to make the other person feel? How would I feel if someone used such words on me? This doesn’t mean we shouldn’t say anything at all, but we must do it in a thoughtful and loving way. This way the person will not feel attacked and might think on the words we are telling them. We should always think before we speak. Our tongues should be used to build up others, not to break them down with hasty words.

If we see someone who is struggling with this problem, we should be ready and willing to help them. We could also pray with them and even ask if they want a Bible study. When people show me verses from the Bible about things that I am struggling with, it really helps me to see that I should change. We should seek God’s will and not our own.

In conclusion, let’s look at James 1:19-26 which says, “So then my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of a man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion is useless.”

One more verse to sum this up is Matthew 12:36-37 which says, “But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified , and by your words you will be condemned.” While meditating on God’s word today, let us think about these verses and determine not to use hasty words.

About Upright Woman

The Upright Woman publication is intended to educate, promote, and encourage the women of the church to strive for righteousness in every aspect of life. It is the mission of this publication to provide women an opportunity to study the word and share articles about various issues and topics to encourage us to be upright women in an upside down world.

**“FOR THE LORD IS RIGHTEOUS; HE LOVES
RIGHTEOUS DEEDS; THE UPRIGHT SHALL
BEHOLD HIS FACE.” PSALM 11:7**



We pray that, with every issue and with every article, all glory is given to God.