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# IS YOUR MOUTH SAVED?

## Complain And Remain; Praise And Be Raised

Foundation Scripture:

**Philippians 2:12-13** – Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

QUESTION: HAS YOUR SALVATION REACHED YOUR MOUTH?

### I. Forty Years In The Wilderness

#### A. Deuteronomy 1:2

1. **Deuteronomy 1:6** – . . . *You have dwelt long enough on this mountain.*

#### B. Their problems were not their enemies – it was their attitude.

1. **Matthew 12:33-36** – Out of the heart (attitude) the mouth speaks.
2. Because their hearts were wrong, their wrong words caused them to remain in bondage.

#### C. **Exodus: Chapters 15-17** – They constantly murmured, grumbled, and found fault with everything.

1. **Murmur** – To remain, to stay overnight, to stay permanently.

2. Some Christians never get delivered from their messes because they will not stop murmuring about them.
3. Praisers and worshipers always get raised out of their situations. Jesus praised God no matter what, and He was raised from the dead.
4. **Psalm 34:1** – *I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

## II. Do not Open A Door For The Devil.

- A. **Numbers 21:4-7** – Their grumbling was sin.
  1. It opened a door for serpents.
- B. **I Corinthians 10:8-11** – The Israelites complained and many died.
- C. **Psalm 91:1-2** – What are you saying of the Lord?
  1. The power of the enemy will be ineffective against you if you dwell in the Lord’s presence and say the right thing about Him.
- D. **I Thessalonians 5:18** – In all things give thanks.
  1. This is God’s will for you. Many never progress in God’s “specific will” due to failure in fulfilling the “praise phase” of God’s will.
  2. God’s will is progressive – every level has tests.
  3. Do not let Satan steal your destiny due to complaining, murmuring, grumbling, and faultfinding.
- E. **John 4:23** – God is seeking worshipers who will worship Him and praisers who will praise Him.
  1. It is one thing to worship and praise – it is quite another to be a worshiper and a praiser.

2. There is a big difference in “doing it” and “being it.”
3. If we are something, it comes out of us automatically without any effort.
4. Singing a few songs in church will not get us delivered from our enemies, but true worship coming from worshipers will.

F. **II Chronicles 20:22** – *And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the men of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir who had come against Judah, and they were [self-] slaughtered . . .*

1. Close the door in the enemy’s face through radical praise.
2. Radical praise occurs when we do it in the midst of severe tribulation.

### III. Complaining Weakens and Praise Strengthens.

A. **Proverbs 16:24** – *Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the mind and healing to the body.*

1. If pleasant words are healing, then unpleasant words must contribute to sickness and weakness.
2. **Proverbs 18:21** – *Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life].*

Surely we know that: Complaining = Death

Praise = Life

3. **Matthew 12:36-37** – We must give account for wrong words spoken. Our words justify us or condemn us.

They help us or hurt us; they weaken or strengthen us.

B. **Romans 4:18-20** – Abraham grew strong, as he gave praise and glory to God.

1. Satan was attacking his faith, but praise strengthened it.
  2. If he had fallen into the trap of complaining, his faith would have gotten weaker and weaker.
- C. **I Samuel 17:31-37** – When people tried to discourage David’s faith, he did not talk about Goliath – he talked about past victories.
1. **He obviously knew their words could not get to his spirit, but his own words could.**
- D. **Psalms 84:4-8** – Praisers go from strength to strength.

#### IV. How To Move To The Next Level Of Prosperity

- A. **Philippians 4:4-6** – Rejoice, pray, and give thanks.
1. It is like a sandwich. Rejoicing is the top slice of bread, giving thanks is the bottom slice of bread, and praying for what we want is the meat.
  2. (Use a sandwich as an example.)
- B. Why should God give us more if we are already complaining about what we have?
1. We would just have more to complain about.
- C. **Philippians 2:14-16** – Do **ALL** things without grumbling, faultfinding, and complaining.
1. **Verses 12-13** teach us to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. If we add **Verses 14-16**, we see that it should be worked all the way out through our mouths – **IS YOUR MOUTH SAVED?**
- D. What kinds of things do people complain about?
1. **EVERYTHING!! ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING!**

2. Jobs, bosses, government, the world, weather, cutting grass, doing dishes, grocery store prices, people, not being married, being married, not having children, having children, where we have to sit in church, where we had to park, and how far we had to walk
  3. People complain about how tired they are all the time, and they are probably tired from all the other things they complain about.
  4. People complain about things they prayed for and now have to take care of.
    - a. Prayed for a car – complain about the payments
    - b. Prayed for a bigger house – complain about having to clean it
    - c. Prayed for a husband – complain about losing your freedom
    - d. Prayed for children – complain about how expensive they are to raise
- E. The mouth must be disciplined not to complain, or it will.

**REMEMBER, WE CANNOT GO TO THE NEXT LEVEL IF WE ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT THE ONE WE ARE CURRENTLY ON.**







# How Our Words Affect The Future

Foundation Scripture:

**Philippians 2:12-13** – Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

QUESTION: **HAS YOUR SALVATION REACHED YOUR MOUTH?**

## I. Words Carry Creative Power.

A. **Isaiah 55:10-11** – Words are seeds that produce a harvest based on the type of seed it is.

1. Each word we speak is like placing a seed in the ground.
2. There are useless seeds and useless words. Both produce nothing.

**STOP WASTING YOUR WORDS – MAKE THEM COUNT!**

B. **Psalms 2:7** – *I will declare the decree . . .*

1. David said he would speak forth what had been written down.
2. God's written Word needs to be spoken.
3. **Joshua 1:8** – Meditate on the Word day and night in order to succeed.

The word **meditate** includes muttering or speaking.

C. God SAID, "Let there be light." Jesus SAID, "It is written."

- D. **Romans 4:17** – We serve a God Who **gives life to the dead** and **calls things that are not as though they are.**
- E. **Ezekiel 37:1-10** – Prophecy to dead bones.
  - 1. Death is swallowed up in life, just like darkness is swallowed up by light.
- F. **Acts 2:18-19** – We prophesy, and He does signs and wonders.
- G. **Isaiah 46:10** – “Declare” the end from the beginning.
- H. **Isaiah 42:9** – Old things have come to pass, I now declare new ones before they happen.
  - 1. **Declare** – Stand out boldly, manifest, announce by word of mouth, predict, certify, profess, and speak forth. Can also mean to write, to inscribe, to recount or tell aloud.
- I. **Don’t declare what you are right now – see what you can be and line your words up with your desire.**

## II. Keeping Your Word Blesses Your Future

- A. Integrity is vital to have a blessed future.
  - 1. **Integrity** – Means to say what you are going to do and do what you said.
  - 2. Integrity means firm adherence to a code or standard of values – **WHOLENESS** and **PROSPERITY**.
- B. **Psalm 25:21** – *Let integrity and uprightness **preserve** me, for I wait for and expect You.*
  - 1. Integrity keeps you from evil; it preserves you from harm.
- C. **Psalm 26:1** – *Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity . . .*

1. Vindicate (defined) – To defend, to defend with success.
- D. **Psalm 26:11** – *But as for me, I will walk in my integrity . . .*
- E. **Psalm 15:4** – Swear to your own hurt and do not change.
1. Even if it hurts you to keep your word, do it because it is right.
- F. Keeping your vows:
1. A vow is something you promise to do, or say you will do.
  2. **Ecclesiastes 5:2-7** – God destroys the work of our hands when we do not keep our vows.
  3. Even things we commit to God, just between Him and us, we need to be careful to do.
  4. Financial vows:
    - a. In Christianity and church life, we frequently PLEDGE money for partnership or a special project, but statistics show that only about sixty-five percent of people keep their pledge.
    - b. Why? I believe many just do not understand the great importance of keeping their word.
    - c. Example: A woman in Florida said: “I have no reason for not keeping my partnership commitment to you. I just did not do it. You are my major lifeline. I have the money, but I just did not do it.”

### III. Our Words Affect The Future Of Relationships.

- A. Many people are divorced today simply because of wrong words spoken or right words not spoken.

1. Our problem is not just saying the wrong thing – **it is often not saying the right thing that causes problems in relationships.**
2. **Saying wrong things can ruin a good relationship, and saying right things can heal a sick relationship.**

**B. Angry words do great harm to relationships.**

1. They come from a wrong heart attitude.
2. When we have the wrong thing in our heart, the Word we hear cannot get rooted properly and produce good fruit.
3. **James 3:18** – Seed must be sown in peace by someone who works for and makes peace.
4. **Proverbs 15:1** – Soft words turn away wrath.

**C. Impatient words do great harm to relationships.**

1. When people are real impatient with me, it makes me feel stupid – like I should be moving faster than I am or know more than I do.
2. If it makes me feel that way, then others feel the same way when I am impatient with them.
3. **DO UNTO OTHERS, AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU.**
4. Do not be impatient with your children just because they are children. Remember, children do not know what you do; they have not lived as long.

**D. We should be very careful how we talk to one another. Love is seen or not seen in voice tones.**

1. **James 2:12** – *So speak and so act as [people should] who are to be judged under the law of liberty [the moral instruction given by Christ, especially about love].*

2. **I Timothy. 4:12** – . . . *be an example (pattern) for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.*

- a. I have heard so called “great faith preachers” talk to others very impatiently and unkindly.
- b. We should not just try to excel in faith, but also in love.
- c. **Galatians 5:6** – Faith works by love. Faith is energized by love. Faith has no power without a solid love walk.
- d. **I Corinthians: Chapter 13** – If you have so much faith that you can remove mountains and have not love, you are a useless nobody and a big noise.

E. **A man’s words reveal the real man. We should listen to ourselves and come to know ourselves better.**

F. **Your words are seeds sown for the future. What kind of future do you want to have?**







# How To Release A New Level Of Joy In Your Life

Foundation Scripture:

**Philippians 2:12-13** – Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

QUESTION: HAS YOUR SALVATION REACHED YOUR MOUTH?

## I. The Key To Enjoying Your Life

- A. **I Peter 3:9-10** – If you want to enjoy your life, refrain your tongue from evil.
- B. **Psalms 34:12-13** – If you desire to see good, keep your tongue free from evil and your lips free from deceit.
1. Notice that we are to keep our tongue free from evil.  
**We must choose our words carefully.**
  2. If you have lost your joy or feel you never had any to lose – **THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT.**
- C. **James 3:6, 8** – The tongue (uncontrolled) is full of deadly poison. It contaminates the whole body and all of life.
1. When circumstances are not good, **you can prevent yourself from being poisoned inside** by thinking right thoughts and speaking proper words.
  2. **Proverbs 18:21** – *Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life].*
  3. **Proverbs 26:22** – We eat the fruit of our lips.

- D. Not only can we poison our own joy, but we can also poison other people's joy and their attitude through wrong speaking.
  - 1. Negative speaking eventually drags everyone down.
  - 2. Unkind remarks about others get into the hearer and poison their attitude.

## II. The Tongue In Trials

- A. What we say in current trials partially determines how many we will have in the future.
- B. Is your problem really your problem, **or** is your **ATTITUDE** toward your problem your real problem?
- C. **John 16:33** – In the world you will have tribulation; CHEER UP! I have overcome the world (deprived it of power to harm you).
- D. Stop talking about your problems.
- E. Stop talking about what people did to you.
- F. **PASS YOUR TEST.**

## III. Right Words Release Joy.

- A. **Proverbs 15:23** – *A man has joy in making an apt answer, and a word spoken at the right moment – how **good it is!***
- B. You reap what you sow!!

**IF YOU GIVE OTHERS JOY, YOUR JOY WILL INCREASE.**

- C. **Ephesians 4:29-32** – Instead of talking wrong to people, be kind to them.
- D. Edify and exhort

1. **Romans 14:19** – Eagerly pursue what makes for edification.

a. Pursue – Go after aggressively; crave.

b. We must look for ways to edify.

2. Edify (defined) – To build, the promotion of spiritual growth and development of character in believers. To strengthen or confirm.

Exhort (defined) – To come alongside and urge someone to pursue a course of conduct. To urge forward.

a. Each time someone tells me I am a good Bible teacher, they confirm my call.

b. Each time someone tells me how my teaching has changed their life, they encourage me to keep doing what I am doing.

**We make a serious mistake if we never or rarely edify and encourage those individuals in our life that we hope will continue doing what they are doing.**

c. Example: I would be very foolish if I never encouraged my housekeeper. I make sure she is blessed.

d. I frequently tell Charlie and Jill how much I appreciate their gifts in the area of worship.

e. I tell my daughter Sandra how much I appreciate all the help she gives me in the meetings and in my life in general.

f. I tell Linda how much I appreciate all the personal things she does for me.

g. There are probably many people I don't tell that I should, but I am determined to do better.

E. Encourage

1. **Hebrews 3:13** – Encourage one another daily.

F. What kind of things should we encourage each other in?

1. **Hebrews 12:15** – Encourage one another to stay out of strife.
2. **I Timothy 2:1** – Exhort people to pray.
3. **Titus 2:9** – Exhort people to be submissive.
4. **Acts 27:14-25** – Paul encouraged the men on the ship during the storm.

He was in as much danger as they were, but he was encouraging others.

5. Paul urged (encouraged) the people to have their offering ready and to have a good attitude when they gave it.

He did exactly what we do today. He kept the importance of giving in front of them, so they would keep pressing forward in doing it.

6. Exhort people to put their trust in God, not to worry, to cast their care, to surrender completely to Christ.

G. Be sure you have the other person's best interest at heart, not your own.

1. If your motive is not pure, it will come through in your attitude.
2. Example: Don't be telling someone how good they look and how wonderful they are if you are doing it to get something from them that you want.

Do it because you SINCERELY want to build them up.

3. The words might be the same whether you are sincere or not, but the spirit of the thing will not be.
4. **There is a big difference in flattery and exhortation.**
5. If ministers exhort people in giving because they really want to see others prosper, the spirit of the thing will be sweet and good. If they are doing it just to get big offerings (not caring about the givers), it will carry a spirit of manipulation, control, and even death.

H. **I Thessalonians 5:11-14** – Encourage leaders.

1. *(The Message Bible) – And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. **Overwhelm them with appreciation and love!** . . .*
2. Sometimes we get in a habit of looking to leaders to always meet our needs, but who meets their needs?

God does, but He often wants to meet them through you.

**IV. Concentrate On The Positive, Not The Negative.**

- A. We can concentrate on all the wrong things we are not supposed to say, or we can concentrate on all the right things we can say.
- B. **Galatians 5:16** – Walk in the Spirit, and you will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.
  1. If we concentrate on saying good things all the time, there will be no room for the wrong things.
- C. **Ephesians 5:18-20** – Be ever filled with the Spirit, speaking to yourself in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.
  1. We see that if we keep right things in our mouth, we will be filled with God's Spirit.

2. Sing and make melody in your heart unto the Lord.
  3. **Anyone filled with the Spirit of God has joy unspeakable.**
- D. **Philippians 4:4-7** – Thanksgiving and praise increases and releases joy.

**V. Can God Record Your Conversations?**

- A. Have your words been strong and hard against the Lord?
1. **Malachi 3:13**
- B. Those who have reverential fear of God talk about Him properly, and He records it in His book of remembrance.
1. **Malachi 3:16**
- C. Those who talk right will experience God's reward at the proper time.
1. **Malachi 3:17**

**IS YOUR MOUTH SAVED?**





# Hung By The Tongue

Foundation Scripture:

**Philippians 2:12-13** – Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

QUESTION: **HAS YOUR SALVATION REACHED YOUR MOUTH?**

## I. Six Things God Hates

- A. **Proverbs 6:16-19** – Six things God hates; seven are an abomination to Him.
1. Three of the seven are sins of the tongue.
  2. The seventh that is an abomination is a sin of the tongue.
- B. Our tongues get us in more trouble than we can imagine – possibly more trouble than anything else.
- C. Wrong talk grieves the Holy Spirit.
1. **Ephesians 4:29-32** – *Let no foul or polluting language, nor evil word nor unwholesome or worthless talk [ever] come out of your mouth . . .*
  2. **Pollute** (defined) – To defile, to make foul or unclean. Among the Jews: to make unclean or impure in a legal or ceremonial sense, so as to disqualify a person for sacred services or to render things unfit for sacred uses.

**WE POLLUTE OUR LIVES WITH WRONG TALK!**

- D. **Proverbs 18:21** – *Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life].*

- E. **Proverbs 13:3** – *He who guards his mouth keeps his life, but he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.*
- F. **Be careful of associating too closely with those who talk excessively. They will always be in some kind of trouble; and if you are with them, you will also be in trouble.**

## II. Evil Communication

A. **Complaining:** Already discussed in a previous teaching

B. **Boasting:**

1. **James 3:5** – The tongue is a little member, but it can boast of great things.
2. **Proverbs 27:1-2** – . . . *Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth . . .*
3. **I Corinthians 10:12** – Be careful when you think you stand, lest you fall.
4. Boasting is the fruit of a prideful heart.

**Matthew 12:34** – Out of the heart the mouth speaks.

5. **Daniel 4:30-31, 37** – King Nebuchadnezzar had a heart filled with pride and a mouth filled with boasting.

It cost him the kingdom until he returned to humility.

C. **Judgment:**

1. **Isaiah 58:9** – God will answer us speedily when we cry to Him if we stop pointing the finger in scorn and judgment.
2. Judgment belongs to God alone. In judging another, we set ourselves up as God.

3. Hurling words of judgment at another is equivalent to old covenant stoning.

**John 8:7** – Let him who is without sin cast the first stone.

4. **Matthew 7:1-6** – Judging others opens the door for the devil in our own lives.

### **WORDS ARE SEEDS, AND WE REAP WHAT WE HAVE SOWN.**

5. **Romans 2:1** – You do the same things you judge others for.

D. **Backbiting, gossip, slander, and tale bearing** were already discussed in a previous teaching.

1. They are all relatives of judgment.
2. They come under the heading of “evil communication,” which is spoken of in **Ephesians 4:29-32** as one of the things which grieves the Holy Spirit.
3. **Evil communication** (defined) – To speak against, allowing thoughtless words to be spoken. To classify in one’s mind; to catalogue, then to speak forth; to falsely accuse; words that come to one’s mind and are spoken forth without giving thought to their sound and effect.

E. **Negative talk:**

1. **Numbers 13:25-32** – The scouts brought a negative (evil) report of the land.

**Numbers 14:36-37** – All those who gave an evil report died of a plague.

2. **Genesis 37:2** – Joseph brought a bad (evil) report about his brothers.

This showed a wrong heart attitude and was one of the things that had to be worked out of Joseph before God could use him. His years in prison taught him to give the good report.

3. **Nehemiah 6:12-13** – Nehemiah was building and Sanballat hired someone to watch him and find something negative (evil) to report.
  - a. The Pharisees watched Jesus for the same purpose.
  - b. When you are going forward, Satan will always send someone to talk negative to you and about you. If you get in agreement with the negative that is what you will have.
  - c. Satan will also tempt you to think negative and speak negative. “Calling those things that be not as though they are” works in the negative as well as the positive.
4. **Philippians 4:8** – Think on whatsoever things are of a “good report.”

**IN ORDER TO BE POWERFUL WITH GOD  
AND HAVE A SUCCESSFUL LIFE, WE MUST  
LEARN TO GIVE THE “GOOD REPORT.”**

**F. Harsh speaking:**

1. **Matthew 11:28-30** – Jesus said, “I am not harsh, hard, sharp, or pressing.”
2. **Isaiah 58:9** – Get rid of all harsh speaking.
3. **Colossians 3:19, 21** – Husbands, do not be harsh with your wives. Fathers, do not be harsh with your children.

Harshness breaks the spirit. The Bible says of Jesus, “A bruised reed He will not break.”

4. Causes for harshness:
  - a. Abused
  - b. Raised by harsh parents

- c. Bitterness, resentment, and unforgiveness in you
  - d. Legalistic, Pharisee-type person – no mercy, all rules and regulations
  - e. I discovered I was harsh with myself and could not receive mercy, so I was harsh with others.
  - f. Voice tones are very important. They convey love or the lack of it.
5. **Proverbs 15:4** – A gentle tongue has healing power.
- a. **Proverbs 15:4** (KJV) – *A wholesome tongue is a tree of life . . .*
  - b. Jesus is gentle – He is the **Lamb** of God.
  - c. The Holy Spirit is gentle – He is symbolized as a **dove**.
  - d. The Father is gentle
- Isaiah 49:15** compares Him to a nursing mother.
- e. **Proverbs 31:26** – The very successful **Proverbs 31** woman had the “law of kindness in her tongue.”

### III. Wrong Talk Leads Into Ungodliness.

- A. **II Timothy 2:16** – *But avoid all empty (vain, useless, idle) talk, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness.*
- B. **II Timothy 2:23** – *But refuse (shut your mind against, have nothing to do with) trifling (ill-informed, unedifying, stupid) **controversies** over ignorant questionings, for you know that they foster strife and breed quarrels.*

Controversies and conversations

C. **James 1:26** – A religious man bridles his tongue.

1. Bridle (defined) – A harness that goes around the head and is used to restrain, guide, curb, control, or check.
2. **The Holy Spirit will be our full time bridle if we will let Him.**

**REMEMBER: NO MAN CAN TAME THE TONGUE!!**





# Words Are Containers For Power.

Foundation Scripture:

**Philippians 2:12-13** – Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

QUESTION: **HAS YOUR SALVATION REACHED YOUR MOUTH?**

## I. A Tree Is Known By Its Fruit.

- A. A person can be judged by their words.
  - 1. **Matthew 12:33-36** – What is in a person's heart will eventually come out of their mouth.
- B. What kind of spirit (attitude) a person has can be judged by their words.
  - 1. Harsh and hard, fearful, proud and haughty, insecure, jealous and envious, judgmental and critical, faultfinding
  - 2. Humble, meek, sincere, submissive, generous, full of faith, gentle, bold, secure, positive, loving, and kind
- C. Not only can we get to know each other by listening to what is said, **we can also get to know OURSELVES by LISTENING to what WE SAY.**
  - 1. **Jeremiah 17:9** – The heart is deceitful above all else, but our words tell all.
- D. Good examples of how words are a movie screen to the type of spirit a person has
  - 1. **Luke 9:51-56** – A vindictive and revengeful spirit
  - 2. **Luke 18:10-14** – One man clearly had a spirit of pride, and the other was humble.

Every time we hear ourselves judge someone else, we might as well say, “I have a spirit of pride.”

- E. **James 1:26** – If you think you are religious, listen to yourself.
  - 1. We may think we are great men and women of faith, but listening to ourselves in trials is the proof.
    - a. Are we speaking fear?
    - b. Are we speaking doubt and unbelief?
    - c. Are we negative?
    - d. Are we talking about the problem all the time?

## II. Worry Speaks.

- A. **Matthew 6:25-31** – Take no thought, saying . . .
  - 1. When we are worried, we talk about our problems excessively.
- B. **Hebrews 4:3** – Real faith enters the rest of God and actually does not even want to talk about the problem.
- C. **Mark 11:23** – Talk **TO** your mountain, not about your mountain.
- D. **Romans 4:17** – God calls those things that be not as though they are – we frequently call things that are as if they are always going to stay that way.

## III. Words Are Containers For Power.

- A. **Romans 10:8-10** – To be saved, one must believe with their heart and confess with their mouth that Jesus is Lord.
- B. Belief of the heart settles it in heaven, and the declaration of our words establishes it in the earth.

- C. **Genesis: Chapter 1** – God said, “Let there be light.” He did not just think it.
1. His faith-filled words carried creative power.
- D. **Proverbs 18:21** – *Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life].*
1. Words can carry God’s power (life).
  2. Words can carry Satan’s power (death).
- E. We can bless or curse with our words.
1. **James 3:10** – *Out of the same mouth come forth blessing and cursing. These things, my brethren, ought not to be so.*
  2. To bless means to speak well of.
  3. To curse means to speak evil of.
  4. Our words carry so much power that we can literally bless or curse others as well as our own lives merely with words.
    - a. **Proverbs 15:30** – . . . *good news nourishes the bones.*
    - b. Hearing good things strengthens me, and hearing negative things wears me out.
  5. **Numbers 6:22-26** – This is how you shall bless the Israelites, “YOU SHALL SAY TO THEM . . .”
    - a. We have lost sight of the power of the blessing.
    - b. **Genesis 27:19-33** – Jacob wanted the words of his father’s blessing spoken over him so much that he lied to get it.
 

Even though he lied, the blessing could not be revoked once it was spoken.

F. We can protect ourselves from negative words spoken against us.

1. **Isaiah 54:17** – No weapon formed against me shall prosper; every tongue that rises up against me in judgment I shall show to be in the wrong.
2. Our words of faith in God can cancel the negative words of others who may be speaking against us.

### **WORDS ARE CONTAINERS FOR POWER!**

#### **IV. Does Your Mouth Belong To The Lord?**

A. **Luke 4:32** – Jesus' Word was with power.

1. People could feel the power coming out of His mouth.

B. Why? Because His mouth belonged to Father God

1. **Luke 4:1-12** – During temptation Jesus always quoted the Word. He never got negative or spoke doubt and fear.

C. **Isaiah 53:7** – When He was afflicted and oppressed, He opened not His mouth.

D. **John 14:30** – When He was feeling the pressure of upcoming events, He decided not to talk very much.

1. This was done so He would not ruin His Father's plan by saying the wrong thing at the wrong time.

### **HAVE YOU EVER SAID THE WRONG THING AT THE WRONG TIME AND RUINED SOMETHING?**

E. **Isaiah 55:11** – The words that come forth out of **My mouth** shall not return void, but they shall accomplish the thing I send them to do.

1. Our words can also be with power if we give our mouths to Him.





# Your Mouth And Your Ministry

Foundation Scripture:

**Philippians 2:12-13** – Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

QUESTION: **HAS YOUR SALVATION REACHED YOUR MOUTH?**

## I. Leaders Have A Greater Responsibility.

- A. **Isaiah 6:1-9** – Isaiah’s mouth had to be cleansed before he could be released into his call.
- B. **James 3:1** – Teachers of the Word come under a greater condemnation if they use their mouth for wrong things.
- C. **Luke 4:32** – Jesus’ words were with power, and the people were astonished.
  - 1. **James 3:7-10** – Jesus did not speak a mixture of good and evil. He was careful about His words.
  - 2. We must get rid of the mixture – it always causes trouble.
    - a. **Numbers 11:4-5** – The mixed multitude was drawing the Israelites back to Egypt.
    - b. A little leaven leavens the entire lump.
- D. **John 6:63** – My words are spirit and life.
  - 1. They reach into the spirit of man and give birth to hope, healing, salvation, victory, determination, etc.
  - 2. When I preach or teach His Word, I want them to birth powerful things in the people I minister to.

**I WANT MY WORDS TO BE WITH POWER.**

3. When any of our singers sing, I want their songs to be filled with power.
  4. I want our worship to be filled with power.
- E. Our words should be powerful like Jesus' words.
1. **II Thessalonians 2:8** – The antichrist will be slain with the breath of Jesus' mouth.
  2. **Isaiah 11:4** – Jesus will slay the earth with the rod of His mouth and the breath of His lips.
  3. **Jeremiah 23:28** – . . . *he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully . . .*
    - a. **Verse 29** – It breaks rocks into pieces.
    - b. I believe my sermons break stubbornness and rebellion off people, and they become pliable in the hands of God. **When His Word comes with power, it changes lives.**
  4. The Word spoken out of a believer's mouth is the sword of the Spirit – the weapon that defeats the enemy.

**Ephesians 6:17** – The sword which the Spirit wields is part of our armor.
  5. **MIXTURE DILUTES POWER!**
  6. The world does not need WATERED-DOWN POWER – it needs the real thing.

## II. How Words Affect The Anointing To Minister

- A. **James 3:1** – Teachers must be very careful.
- B. I adversely judged another minister's teaching ability and hindered my anointing from flowing freely.

1. God revealed my sin to Dave; and when he confronted me, I got angry.
  2. I finally repented, and my anointing began to flow once again.
- C. **Psalm 100:4** – We come into His presence (the Anointing) through praise.
1. We need His presence for proper ministry.
  2. Complaining, gossip, criticism, judgment, etc. will not release the Anointing.
  3. A mouth filled with praise, thanksgiving, edification, and exhortation will release and complement the Anointing.
- D. **James 3:2** – If anyone does not stumble in his words, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.
1. **Perfect** (defined/Vine's) – That which has reached an end and is finished, sound, complete, and whole.  
  
When applied to believers, it represents maturity.
  2. We will not ever reach the fullness or the end of our ministries if we do not bridle our tongues.

### III. A Word In Due Season To The Weary

- A. **Isaiah 50:4** – God needs people who can speak a word in season to those who are weary.
- B. We cannot minister to some people powerfully and gossip about others.
1. They are all God's children, and He takes it personally when we attack one of His kids.

C. **Psalm 50:16-23** – To him who orders his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God.

1. We must “order our conversation” in the right direction, or it will go in the wrong direction.
2. We always have a choice to magnify the good or the bad. Everyone has faults (weaknesses) and strengths. We can pray about the faults and magnify the strengths.

**WHAT WE MAGNIFY BECOMES LARGER.  
WHEN WE MAGNIFY FAULTS, THEY ONLY GET BIGGER.**

3. **Romans 12:21** – Overcome evil with good.

#### IV. The Slanderous Mouth

A. Slanderer (Greek) *Diabolos* – Accusing falsely. Satan is called the “Accuser of the Brethren.”

1. Slander (defined/Webster’s) – To accuse or blame. A false tale or report maliciously uttered and tending to injure the reputation of another by lessening him in the esteem of his fellow citizens.
  - a. Insecure people often seek to look “good” or “better than” by exposing the faults of another.
  - b. Example: If a sibling feels insecure about his parent’s love, he may always find things wrong with his brothers and sisters.
  - c. An employee who is insecure will always find things wrong with other employees.
  - d. **Slander is rooted in pride, but pride is not only seen in one feeling that he is “more than others” but also in feeling “less than others.”**

**Pride is simply being caught up in yourself and having yourself on your mind. Whether the thoughts are a lofty opinion of ourselves or lowly is irrelevant.**

2. A quote I read said: “Slander – the worst of poisons, finds an easy entrance into ignoble minds (mean and worthless).”
3. We should remember what “type of mind” one has when slandering another.

B. **I Timothy 3:1-15** – Qualifications for leadership

C. **I Timothy 3:11** – Women are not to gossip.

1. This word slanderer or gossip is in reference to those who are given to finding fault with the demeanor and conduct of others and spreading their innuendoes and criticisms in the church.

2. **THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM!!**

D. **Proverbs 10:18** – A self-confident fool utters slander.

1. Those who slander others have a false sense of SELF-confidence, and they are blind to their own faults.
2. Those who slander others do not have proper reverential fear and awe of God.
  - a. I remember once when the Lord said to me, **“Who do you think you are, talking about My servant like that?”**
  - b. **Romans 14:4** – *Who are you to pass judgment on . . . another’s household servant? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he shall stand . . . for the Master (the Lord) is mighty to support him and **make him stand.***

- c. **NONE of us could stand if God did not make us stand.**
- E. We should not only avoid gossip and slander ourselves, but we should also avoid others who engage in it. **Satan will use them to poison your attitude toward people that you might otherwise be able to love.**

**IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE A POWERFUL MINISTRY  
AND NOT HAVE A POWERFUL LOVE WALK!!**



