

Tongue Part 5

“Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.”
(Proverbs 21:23 KJV)

We will continue in this message to discuss of how to use our tongue in the way that God want us to use to communicate with others and bring to them the message.

As we discussed before always ask yourself the following questions before you open your mouth and speak:

1. *Do I need to speak?*
2. *What I am going to say?*
3. *Do I need to keep silent?*

One of the purpose to use the tongue is to rebuke, but you need to know whom you need to rebuke and whom you need to avoid. “7 He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame; and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot. 8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.” (Proverbs 9:7-8 KJV) Now how you are going to do that? The first thing you do is to send a rebuke to those who do wrong and watch their response. If they will react and start to fight against you, then you just move away from them for they are wicked and scornful people and you have nothing to do with them. But if they are thankful to you for your correction to them they are wise people. The next step that you need to do for those wise people is to give them the instruction that will further increase God’s blessings in their lives: ***“Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.”*** (Proverbs 9:9 KJV) *Therefore in such a way you will be going to know how you will find a wise and just man.*

“Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour.” (Proverbs 14:9 KJV) The Hebrews word used here for ‘mock’, is ‘luwts’, and it has the followings meaning: to scorn, talk arrogantly, to boast, to be inflated, scoff, act as a scorner, and show oneself a mocker. There are people who are proud of their sinful nature and who boast with the evil they are doing. Certain times people when they speak, they make sin and wrong doing acceptable. In speaking this way, they are promoting sins further by contaminating those who hear them and push them to do wrong. *When you speak remember there are people listening, now if you speak foolish things that promoting sins, then you are pushing others to sin.*

“An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips there is as a burning fire.” (Proverbs 16:27 KJV) Speech certain time is accompanied by burning fire of evil coming out from ungodly men, who have unclean heart that cause damage to others who hear them. Like the speech of Pilate who was ungodly wicked person who was full of injustice, politics and manipulation and has no fear of God.

Bad people in their talk are sowing strife and desire to cause fights and separation between close friends. Froward and perverse people who are difficult to deal with, their talks cause troubles and separate friends, ***“A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.”*** (Proverbs 16:28 KJV) *Therefore, now check your heart and clease it from any hatred, grudge or revenge, and come to Jesus in repentance and surrender your life to Him.*

“He that saith unto the wicked, Thou are righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him.” (Proverbs 24:24 KJV) *We should not flatter a wicked person and announce him as righteous in the front of the public. We will be cursed and abhorred by others when we are unfaithful in such a way. Instead, we should say the truth, we should work for justice, and help those who had no power and no voice,* ***“8 Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction. 9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.”*** (Proverbs 31:8-9 KJV)

“19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise. 20 The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth. 21 The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.” (Proverbs 10:19-21 KJV) *We ought to control our hearts and our tongues, because when there are multiple words, sin is not absent.*

Our tongues should be a choice silver and we need to speak choice words, timely and to the right people; the purpose of them to teach others and feed them with God’s Word and the counsel of God. For this purpose our hearts should be clean and not move with pride or emotions that will cause unnecessary words to be uttered and without reason.

“Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive not with thy lips.” (Proverbs 24: 28 KJV) *The Word of God admonishes us not to be false witness against the people, and not to use our lips to deceive them by telling lies.* The word of God teaches us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. *So let us love our neighbor by speaking the truth about them and not to slander them. Even to those who did evil against us, let us pray for them as Jesus told us to pray for those who ill treat us.*

“Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.” (Proverbs 24:29 KJV) *Don’t use your mouth to boast of your power and to utter threats against people.*

Remember what David said in Psalm 34:11-16, about how to make your life beautiful and profitable by keeping your tongue from evil, from speaking lies and from uttering bitterness of heart: ***“11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD. 12 What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? 13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. 14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.***

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. 16 The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.” (Psalm 34:11-16 KJV) When you are able to control your tongue from speaking evil then you will be able to depart from evil and will start to do the good things that God had prepared for you to do. When you are keeping your heart clean then God will be attentive to your cry and your prayers. When you are living a righteous life God will answer your prayers, grant your petition, and you will find favor from Him. He will be against your enemies and against those who do you harm.

“Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.” (Psalm 34:14 KJV) You can avoid doing evil by doing your best to do good. When people do you harm, what you need to do is to control your mouth and your anger, and instead of reacting and speaking and promising evil as they did to you, what you need to do is to direct your attention and start to do what is good and the very work of God that He wants you to do.

Also we should not give judgment without adequate evidences; there must be two to three witnesses to confirm: **“At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.” (Deuteronomy 17:6 KJV)** **“This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.” (2 Corinthians 13:1 KJV)** **“But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.” (Matthew 18:16 KJV)** Why the Scriptures speak about two or three witnesses, so to confirm what had happened. Therefore, we need to seek evidences and we need to hear clearly and patiently what the people are saying.

“He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.” (Proverbs 18:13 KJV) When we answer before we hear, sure we will speak not the right thing and we will be like fool people. Even fool people will be better if they will know how to control their mouths and not be hasty in words: **“Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him.” (Proverbs 29:20 KJV)**

We ought to work and achieve things in our lives. Speaking only and not achieving is only a loss of business and of no profit: “In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.” (Proverbs 14:23 KJV) We ought to work hard and do our part well before we speak.

When our hearts are clean and our lips are speaking choice words then we will find the King of kings with us in life and we are in His presence, “He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend.” (Proverbs 22:11 KJV)

My Dear and Beloved:

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Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ came to bring salvation and righteousness to the world. He did all what God had ordained for Him to do. We are called to do the same. **“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.” (Ephesians 4:15 KJV)** Therefore let us read the Scriptures, speak the Scripture, live the Scriptures and fulfill the Scriptures in doing the perfect will of God in our lives.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word to me that makes me understand things in a better way.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord and renounce them. Lord I ask you forgiveness for the following corruptive speech that I uttered

Lord, I ask you forgiveness for my anger, pride, bitterness, hatred, boasting, gossips, slander, accusations, cursing and wrong prayers against others.

Lord I commit myself to live in the principle that I learn from your message. I commit myself to closely watch what is coming out of my lips. Lord give me wisdom and self-control to apply correctly all what I learned today from this message. Lord

gives me more fruit of the Holy Spirit to radiate your attitude and character in my life. Lord fill me with the Holy Spirit that I need to go on and serve you with. Lord make me and my speech a good example to others so they will see you through my life and my talk. Lord protects me and provide for me to continue to serve you.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sister who committed their lives to what they heard from your Word in this message. Lord I pray for them that they will receive wisdom, patient and self-control from you so that they will open their mouths precisely speaking the very word that you want them to speak. Lord fill them with the Holy Spirit to go and evangelize to reach others.

Lord I pray for us as a church, Lord help us to evangelize, reaching new people, new places, new nations with your gospel, and to disciple them with your Word. Lord help us to start more Bible studies and to plant new congregations for the church. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, free us from harm, so we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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