

Satan's Tactics

(Part III)

"We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check." (James 3: 2)

The tongue is one of the body parts that can be used mightily to glorified God. We can use the tongue to tell the truth and describe precisely what is God's will, His plan and what His word teaching us. In the same way tongue can be used to proclaim God's Word, His wonders and powers to other.

The tongue should be used to proclaim the good news of Jesus to others; the plan of salvation, that God had made it possible for mankind to reach heaven and spent eternity with Him. The Lord God Had sent His Son the Lord Jesus Christ, to save us from sin and death, ***"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*** (John 3: 16) The Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay the prize for our sins. He was buried but rose from the dead to give eternal life to those who believe in Him and follow His steps in their lives. The Word of God it tell us what the Lord Jesus Christ had said, ***"Her I am, I have come it is written about me in the scroll. I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart." I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, as you know oh Lord. I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and salvation. I do not conceal your love and your truth from the great assembly."*** (Psalm 40: 7-10) And in another place, ***"I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you."*** (Psalm 22: 22) We find clearly that the lord Jesus Christ had used His mouth and lips to proclaim God's Word and His righteousness to others. The tongue can be used in effective way to glorify God. But it is also can be used in a wrong way by Satan to bring damage to the person himself and to the people around Him and ultimately to God.

1- ***"Do not lie"*** (Leviticus 19: 11b): Lies is the vocabulary of Satan. Satan is the liar and the father of lies. If you lie you would become one of Satan's children. The Lord Jesus Christ said to those who opposed Him and did not believe in Him, ***"You belong to your father, the devil and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, He speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."*** (John 8: 44) Small lie or a big lie is the same; it will bring destruction into your life and into the lives of other people around you.

2- ***"Do not go about spreading slander among your people. Do not do anything that endangers your neighbour's life. I am the Lord."*** (Leviticus 19: 16) Slander is to tell something not true about a person. It is like a stabbing knife at the back. Satan is using this instruments to bring destruction into the community of believers. Lets us read what the Word of God tells us, ***"If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other."*** (Galatians 5: 15) What is meant here in biting and devouring each other is not the physical one using the teeth, but using the lying lips and the deceitful tongue. The Word of God teaches us that there are six categories that should not be among the believers in the church, and as the following:

"But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolaters or slanderer, drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat." (1Corinthians 5: 11) Slanderers is one of the categories that they should not be their inside the church.

3- ***"Then I heard a loud voice in heaven says: " Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down."*** (Revelation 12: 10) Satan is the accuser who brings false charges against you and against others. You need to be careful about that. Certain times it is not the Holy Spirit who is speaking to you but it is the evil spirits, demons and Satan, who are speaking to you and putting in your mind wrong thoughts and ideas. It might be also accusation for something you have done right and Satan would try to push you to do the wrong. You need to weight what you listen with the Word of God. If what you listen is not in harmony with the Word of God then think about it as a thought that come from Satan and reject it in this way as you says, ***"I reject this thought in the name of Jesus."*** Be also aware that Satan may speak to you through the Word of God but he brings to you a wrong meaning because Satan use to twist the scriptures.

Satan as the accuser of the brethren, he may use certain people to bring accusation against certain brothers and sisters inside the church. But the Word of God teaches us how to avoid that and how to deal with accusation. ***"Every matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses."*** (2 Corinthians 13: 1) So two or three people must be there to be as witnesses. Also ***Matthew 18: 16*** decrees the following: ***"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector."*** We learn from the Word of God that if someone sinned and you had discovered that, you have to face him. But if he is not willing to listen to you, then you need to involve other spiritual brethren and finally the church. Also the Word of God it teaches us the following: ***"Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses."*** (1 Timothy 5: 19) Don't entertain accusation if not two or three brought your attention to it; you should have a good ground to face the offender; you cannot accuse anyone and there is no real prove in your hand.

My Dear and Beloved: The Word of God teaches you Satan's schemes and how he works to destroy you and God's work. So be in your guard about what you hear, and use your mind to analyze before you speak and take an action as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: *Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord give me discernment and teach me more; guide me and guard me against Satan's schemes, and teach me how to combat that. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*