

The Clean Mouth

(Part 2)

“The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.”
(Proverbs 18:21)

The tongue is very important organ that God had given to us. God created Heaven and earth with the word of His mouth. He created all the good things that we see around us as He spoke His word. God in the same way had given us the tongue to speak. So if we speak then we should expect that new things would be established. Life and death can be brought forward with what we speak. What we speak express our faith and what we believe in. For example if we say about certain thing, *‘This is impossible matter,’* then truly it will be impossible because this what we believe. And if we say, *‘This will not happen,’* then this will not happen because there is power in the tongue. If we say about something this is a useless person or useless child then this is what we believe and truly nothing with happen. We will harvest useless things because there is a power in the tongue and in what we speak.

Those who love the tongue will eat its fruit: Those who realize these facts about the tongue and believe there is power in what they say, and tune and observe their tongues to speak the very word of God then they will eat its good fruit. ***“From the fruit of their mouth a person’s stomach is filled; with the harvest of their lips they are satisfied.”*** (Proverbs 18:20) Therefore if we speak chosen words then we will be enjoying life with good relationships with people and harvest the fruit of good and harmonious relationship that goes according to the Word of God.

As well as the Word of God tells us the following: ***“The lips of fools bring them strife, and their mouths invite a beating.”*** (Proverbs 18:6) If you speak idle words with a wrong manner then you will harvest what you are going to speak; fight, strife, and being attacked by receiving bad words and beating.

“Sin is not ended by multiplying words, but the prudent hold their tongues.” (Proverbs 10:19-21) When we speak much we make more mistakes and we add more sins. So before we speak we need to think first and process what we are going to tell before we speak it. ***“The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value.”*** (Proverbs 10:20) Again God wants us to have a good and clean heart so we can speak the right word to nurture others, for ***“The lips of the righteous nourish many, but fools die for lack of sense.”*** (Proverbs 10:21)

“Fools give full vent to their rage, but the wise bring calm in the end.” (Proverbs 29:11) Foolish people they will give full vent to their anger, but we should not do like that; we are called to bring peace and calm. ***“Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you yourself will be just like him.”*** ***“Answer a fool according to his folly, or he will be wise in his own eyes.”*** (Proverbs 26:4-5) So you need to avoid the fool people. Don’t speak like them; you just leave them to themselves, otherwise they will be wise in their eyes and you will be like them.

“Do you see someone who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for them.” (Proverbs 29:20) Before you open your mouth and speak you need to think about

what you are going to tell. You should listen carefully and analyze carefully what they are speaking before you open your mouth and speak, for this what the bible is telling us: ***“To answer before listening—that is folly and shame.”*** (Proverbs 18:13)

“Those who guard their mouths and their tongues keep themselves from calamity.” (Proverbs 21:23) The tongue had been given to us to plant good things and to enjoy the blessings of God. But the tongue has its faults and if we are not careful we may fall into troubles. We need to learn how to speak with each person. We need to know how to speak with God in prayer so we can be able to get from Him good and perfect gifts and enjoy life in His presence. We need to speak good with the people who are around us. We need to speak good to our family members and to our brothers and sisters in the Lord. And we need to speak well in our work places and the places where God assigned us to live.

“One who loves a pure heart and who speaks with grace will have the king for a friend.” (Proverbs 22:11) God wants us to be pure in heart and speak good and gracious word. If we have this then we will have the favour of the king. But whom you think is the king? You might put in your mind an earthly figure, and it is possible for the Lord to lift us up and make us have favour even with kings as He see in us clean heart and hear from our mouths gracious words. But there is a great king whom He will be our friend; He is the King of kings and the Lord of Lords, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ came from heaven looking and searching for us to save us from sins and death. Christ suffered for us when He died on the cross for our sins. He was buried and rose from the death on the third day to give us eternal life. ***“To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”*** (1 Peter 2:21-24) Our Lord and Saviour when they attacked Him He did not fight, retaliate or open His mouth. He did not make any threat or revenge but He entrusted His life to God who raised Him from the dead and lifted Him up, and now he is at the right hand of God. We will be friends to Jesus if we keep our hearts pure and our mouths clean by keep speaking gracious words. Even with the most difficult people God will give us the wisdom of how to speak, ***“Through patience a ruler can be persuaded, and a gentle tongue can break a bone.”*** (Proverbs 25:15) As we are willing to humble down God will give us the right word of what to speak and persuade even the hard people.

My dear and beloved: ***“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.”*** (James 1:5) Commit your heart and your tongue to the Lord, repent from all your sins, and ask God wisdom of how to speak graciously and be a blessing and bringing life to others 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 to give me eternal life. Lord I repent from my sins _____, I commit my heart and my mouth in your hand. Lord I ask you wisdom of how to speak to you and to other people around me. Lord help me to chose gracious word to speak in order for good things to be build up, and you will be the one to reward me for the gracious talk that will come out from my mouth. Lord grant me this request for this day in Jesus name, Amen.*