

“The Words of My Mouth . . .”

What we speak or don't speak is an important part of who we are for the the Lord. It can determine our WORTH; give PEACE; guard our SOUL; show KINDNESS; cut short GOSSIP; etc. In the Book of Proverbs are many verses that help us to live and communicate as we should. Fill in the missing key words in the following verses from Proverbs.

WORTH — “The tongue of the just [righteous] is as _____ silver: the heart of the wicked is _____ worth” (Proverbs 10:20).

WISDOM — “The mouth of the just [righteous] bringeth forth _____: but the froward [perverted] tongue shall be _____ out” (Proverbs 10:31).

ANTI-GOSSIP — “A talebearer [gossip] revealeth _____: but he that is of a _____ spirit concealeth the matter” (Proverbs 11:13).

TRUTH — “Lying lips are _____ to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his _____” (Proverbs 12:22).

PEACE — “A _____ answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up _____” (Proverbs 15:1).

LIFE — “A wholesome [soothing] tongue is a tree of _____: but perverseness therein is a _____ in the spirit” (Proverbs 15:4).

JOY — “A man hath _____ by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how _____ is it!” (Proverbs 15:23).

HEALTH — “Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, _____ to the soul, and _____ to the bones” (Proverbs 16:24).

LOVE — “He that covereth a transgression seeketh _____; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very _____” (Proverbs 17:9).

HONOR — “It is an honour for a man to _____ from strife: but every fool will be _____” (Proverbs 20:3).

SOUL — “Whoso keepeth [guards] his mouth and his _____ keepeth [guards] his soul from _____” (Proverbs 21:23).

KINDNESS — “She openeth her mouth with _____; and in her tongue is the law of _____” (Proverbs 31:26).

Watch Out for Those Hasty Words!

In the Book of Proverbs we read that, "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles" (Proverbs 21:23). Those words let us know that we should take careful thought of what words we speak. Hasty words are usually the ones we regret having said.

SAY
TALK
MOUTH
SHOUT
SPEAK
UTTER
VOCAL
VOICE
WORDS
SPEECH
TONGUE
SILENCE
WHISPER
LANGUAGE

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Think before you speak!

"Oh, Be Careful Little Tongue . . ."

In James 3:10 we read, "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be." Every Christian must take care to use his or her tongue to praise the Lord and do good. We don't want to be guilty of using our tongue to cause confusion or hurt anyone. Take some time to check on your own speech habits. Read the statements below, and put a check in the appropriate square. Are there any that you need to ask the Lord to help you with?

	Often	Occasionally	Never
I often speak out of turn.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I proclaim my anger to everyone around me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have an easy time praising and thanking people.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have a hard time asking forgiveness.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I talk the same at home as I do in public.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I say "I'm sorry" if I think I have hurt someone.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I speak before I think.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I don't care if I hurt people by what I say.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I don't bother using good manners when I speak.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I compliment people rather than say something negative.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

"If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man . . ." — James 3:2

TONGUE

For out of the abundance of the heart the
mouth speaketh. Matthew 12:34



Truthfulness
Edifying
Ministering grace
Thankfulness
Joyfulness

Maliciousness
Bitterness
Evil speaking
Anger
Lying

Consider a conversation you've been a part of or heard this week. What attributes were apparent in the words spoken?

How did you feel walking away from that conversation?

OUR WORDS CAN BE
JUST LIKE BUILDING BLOCKS

OR THEY
CAN BE LIKE
STUMBLING STONES

What we say makes a bigger impact than we may realize.
Let's guard our words and let them out thoughtfully.