

## IS THERE INIQUITY IN MY TONGUE?

### **Proverbs 18:21 (KJV)**

<sup>21</sup> *Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*

### **Deuteronomy 30:19 (KJV)**

<sup>19</sup> *I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, **blessing and cursing**: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:*

Many people have surrendered their mouths to the devil to be used as instruments of destruction, disunity, discord, disaffection, and sowing discord among the brethren. Unless the issue of the tongue is fully dealt with, the devil will continue to keep many people under bondage.

### **CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TONGUE**

#### **James 3:5-10, 14-16 (KJV)**

<sup>5</sup> *the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!*

<sup>6</sup> *And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.*

<sup>8</sup> *But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.*

<sup>9</sup> *Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.*

<sup>10</sup> *Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.*

<sup>14</sup> *But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.*

<sup>15</sup> *This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.*

<sup>16</sup> *For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.*

God created man and endowed him with lots of power including power of imagination, power of domination and power of the spoken word which is the greatest among all.

The tongue is one of the smallest members of the human body, yet it can set the whole body ablaze. It is capable of building or destroying individuals, communities, families and nations.

### **Few Facts**

#### **Proverbs 18:7 (KJV)**

<sup>7</sup> *A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.*

Here are few lessons to learn from these scriptures:

1- *A discussion is an exchange of knowledge while an argument is an exchange of ignorance.*

If you remove argument from the home, more than half of family problems will be over.

2- *The voice of silence is the loudest*

There are times when you get your best result by keeping quiet.

3- *Your ears function better when your mouth is shut.*

If you talk all the time, you will not be able to hear what others are saying.

4- *Wisdom is saying nothing when there is nothing to say.*

- It is not compulsory that you must always have something to say.
- 5- You are no longer a controller of words once the words are spoken. Once a statement is uttered, you no longer have any control over it.
  - 6- He who gossips to you will gossip about you.
  - 7- He who speaks is sowing, he who listens is reaping.  
It is better to listen than to speak
  - 8- A wise person talks less and thinks more. He does not waste his words.
  - 9- Gossiping and lying go hand in hand.
  - 10- If you say nothing, nobody will repeat it.
  - 11- If you refuse to listen to gossip, no gossip will be spread.
  - 12- What has taken you years to do can be destroyed by the tongue in few seconds.
  - 13- Many stories change for the worst when people keep on repeating them.

### **1 Peter 3:10 (KJV)**

<sup>10</sup> *For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:*

You cannot experience victory in life unless you know to control over your tongue. If you use your tongue negatively, you cannot expect the same tongue to have power over witches and wizards. You must allow the Holy Spirit to control your tongue.

Your life is sharpened and controlled by the type of words which you speak.

What is happening in your life right now is a direct result of what you have been speaking concerning yourself in the time past. What you are speaking today will also affect your future.

### **Few questions that show how the tongue has trapped many**

When last did you say something unkind to someone? – When last did you say something untrue about someone? – When last did you bring someone down about something you said? – When last did you regret something which you said? – When last did you help to spread gossip? – When last did you exaggerate stories which you did not confirm? – When last did you use God's name in vain? – When last did you wish that you have remained silent?

### **THE TONGUE: A POWERFUL INSTRUMENT THAT MUST BE USED WITH CARE**

#### **Proverbs 18:6-7 (KJV)**

<sup>6</sup> *A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.*

<sup>7</sup> *A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.*

The tongue is a very powerful instrument that must be used with extreme care and caution, because death and life are in its power. If you lose control over your tongue you have lost control over your life.

The key to a beautiful life is to regulate and control your tongue. A Christian cannot accomplish much in the service of God if he does not know how to control his tongue.

### **THE TONGUE REVEALS WHAT THE HEART CONTAINS.**

**Matthew 12:34-37 (KJV)**

<sup>34</sup> *O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.*

<sup>35</sup> *A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.*

<sup>36</sup> *But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.*

<sup>37</sup> *For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.*

Your tongue will either carry power or it will carry weakness. Your tongue will either be a carrier of faith and encouragement or it will be a carrier of discouragement, sickness and failure.

### **MAJOR THINGS GOD HATES**

**Proverbs 6:16-19 (KJV)**

<sup>16</sup> *These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:*

<sup>17</sup> *A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,*

<sup>18</sup> *An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,*

<sup>19</sup> *A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.*

Of the seven things listed here that the Lord hates, three of them are sins of the tongue: a lying tongue, a false witness, and one who sows discord.

Few negative things people use their tongues for.

1- Lying

Lying is one of the principal evil spirit that operate in human tongue. Lying has become so rampant today that many so-called Christians are now chief liars.

2- Negative speech

A lot of people today are addicted to speaking negative words - they say nothing that is positive.

3- Boasting and bragging

Many are oppress by boasting and bragging.

4- Talkativeness

Devil influence some people to keep on talking even when there's nothing to say.

5- Being hasty in speech

Some do not think before they speak and start giving you answer before you finish asking your question.

6- Using God's name in vain

7- Slander

A lot of people utter false statements and give false reports about friends or neighbors. Their purpose is to destroy the reputation of the people they are talking about.

8- Backbiting

Many people today speak evil against people in their absence.

9- Gossip

### **THE IRREPARABLE LOSS: GOSSIP**

Who is a gossip? It is the person who goes around gossiping.

Gossip is a wound that goes down into the innermost part of a being.

#### **Proverbs 18:8 (KJV)**

<sup>8</sup> *The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.*

Gossip is a revealer of secrets.

#### **Proverbs 11:13 (KJV)**

<sup>13</sup> *A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.*

Stay away from Gossip.

#### **Proverbs 26:20 (KJV)**

<sup>20</sup> *Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.*

The evil seed that you sow when you gossip, the rumors you spread when talking about things that are not edifying, cannot be uprooted.

Excessive taking, idle and careless words, gossiping, lying, being hasty in speaking, swearing and cursing and being involved in cracking dirty jokes, must be flushed out of your tongue, if you want your word to carry power before the Almighty.

### **KNOW THE DANGERS INHERENT IN THE MISUSE OF THE TONGUE**

#### **Proverbs 6:2-5 (KJV)**

<sup>2</sup> *Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.*

<sup>3</sup> *Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend.*

<sup>4</sup> *Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids.*

<sup>5</sup> *Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.*

If your tongue is under satanic influence, it will speak evil words and if your tongue is under divine influence it will speak godly words.

#### **A. EVIL WORDS BRING EVIL SPIRITS**

Evil spirits will provoke you to say evil things. As soon as you have made those evil statements they will go ahead to use your words against you.

People commit verbal murder everyday – here are some the statements they make.

- “I married a useless husband.”
- “These children are hopeless.”
- “I don’t know why my children are very wicked.”
- “I always find examination very tough.”
- “I don’t know why life is treating me badly.”
- “My blood pressure is rising again.”
- “My migraine is coming up again.”
- “This situation is driving me crazy.”
- “I am sick and tired of it all.”
- “It is running in the family line, maybe it is now my turn.”
- “Something has always told me that my husband will leave me and marry other women.”
- “I am always broke, I don’t know why.”
- “What is the use of continuing to live with all these problems?”

If you are trapped by your tongue, you must seek freedom.

**Romans 10:8-9 (KJV)**

<sup>8</sup> *But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;*

<sup>9</sup> *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

You get what you say.

If your words are dominated by doubt you will be conquered by negative circumstances. If you speak about failure all the time you will fail. If you are always talking about weakness, you will become weak. If you talk about poverty and lack, poverty will move into your territory and dominate your life. If you keep on expressing fear, fear will grip your heart.

You can speak and move from poverty to prosperity, from trouble to peace, from sickness to health, from failure to success, from weakness to strength from valley to the mountain top.

Every dry bone of blessings in my life, I command you to loose your hold, in the name of Jesus.

**CONFESS THE WORD OF THE LORD – USE YOUR TONGUE FOR POSITIVE CONFESSION**

*You must maintain what God has said about you.*

**Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV)**

<sup>11</sup> *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.*

**CONFESSION BRINGS POSSESSION**

**Job 22:29-30 (KJV)**

<sup>29</sup> *When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the humble person.*

<sup>30</sup> *He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands.*

**YOU MUST VERBALIZE YOUR FAITH**

The woman with issue of blood got her miracle through her confession.

**Mark 5:28-29 (KJV)**

<sup>28</sup> *For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.*

<sup>29</sup> *And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.*

**Psalm 81:10 (KJV)**

<sup>10</sup> *I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.*