

## Solving the Tongue Problem

The Proverbs say that the wise woman builds her house, but the foolish one tears it down with her own hands. How do we do that? We do it by claiming we believe one thing and then regularly doing the opposite. We see this most often in how we use our words.

Scripture(s): James 3:6-12

I. The first truth that urges us to intentionally take care with what we say is Satan has an \_\_\_\_\_ for our words. Our words are one of the roads that Satan uses to undermine our \_\_\_\_\_ and witness.

Matthew 12:36-37 36 But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. 37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

✓ Watch what you say with the attention of a \_\_\_\_\_ inspector.

II. The second truth that urges us to intentionally take care with what we say is the tongue is a perpetually \_\_\_\_\_ weapon. We must always be aware of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the tongue.

Galatians 5:13-15 13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." 15 But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

✓ Test everything you say with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

III. The third truth that urges us to intentionally take care with what we say is misused words make us something we aren't \_\_\_\_\_ to be. Saying both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ things goes against what God has made us to be.

Matthew 5:33-37 33 "Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, 'YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FALSE VOWS, BUT SHALL FULFILL YOUR VOWS TO THE LORD.' 34 But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35 or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING. 36 Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 But let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; anything beyond these is of evil.

✓ Choose each day to make your words either build up the \_\_\_\_\_ of God or build up the \_\_\_\_\_ of the one to whom you are talking.

Psalms 73:12-20 12 Behold, these are the wicked; and always at ease, they have increased in wealth. 13 Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure and washed my hands in innocence; 14 For I have been stricken all day long and chastened every morning. 15 If I had said, "I will speak thus," behold, I would have betrayed the generation of Your children. 16 When I pondered to understand this, it was troublesome in my sight 17 until I came into the sanctuary of God; then I perceived their end. 18 Surely You set them in slippery places; you cast them down to destruction. 19 How they are destroyed in a moment! They are utterly swept away by sudden terrors! 20 Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when aroused, You will despise their form.

Remember this - \_\_\_\_\_ is the answer to our tongue problem.

Our challenge - Dedicate your mouth to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

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