

Power of Our Words Notes

I. Words are connectors.

- A. Genesis 1:25, 27 Man is a speaking spirit**
- B. Grumbling expresses unbelief and ingratitude**
- C. Praise expresses faith and gratitude.**

II. Power of the Tongue is in its ability to produce words.

- A. Psm. 19:14 – Think and Speak**
- B. Psm 19:12-14 Need God's insights**
- C. Prov. 23:6,7 As we think, so are we**
- D. Prov. 18:20-21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue**
- E. Prov. 16:23-24 Heart teaches our mouth**

III. Lies we've believed

A. You have the right of free speech

- 1. Matt. 12:34**
- 2. Matt. 12:33-37**
- 3. Ps. 141:3**
- 4. Ps 39:1**
- 5. Prov. 6:16-19**

Six things God hates and three of them are sins of the mouth!

B. If you're "just kidding", it doesn't count

- 1. Prov. 26:18-19 Hurtful words pierce**

C. Once our words are forgotten, their influence is gone

- 1. James 3:5-6 The tongue is a fire!**

IV. Ten Symptoms of a Sick Tongue

A. Lying Prov. 6:16-19

B. Stirring up division

1. Prov. 6:12-15

2. Titus 3:9-11

Be a peacemaker rather than a troublemaker. God is a reconciler and we should emulate Him

C. Gossip

1. Prov. 20:19

2. Prov. 16:28

3. 2 Cor. 12:20

D. Passing Along False Information – Slander is a false and malicious statement or report about someone.

1. Ps. 140:11

2. Prov. 10:18

3. 1 Cor. 5:11

E. Breaking Confidences – Tale bearing

1. Prov. 11:13

2. James 5:16

3. Prov. 18:8

F. Speaking Curses Instead of Blessings

1. Prov. 18:20-21

2. Deut. 30:14-16, 19-20

3. Rom. 3:13-14

4. Mark 11:14

5. Ps. 109:17-18

6. Blessing is a prophetic declaration, declaring the intentions of God. Cursing is declaring the lower position of someone or something than what God intended it to be.

7. Gal. 3:10-14

G. Using God's Name in a Self-Serving Way

1. Ex. 20:7

2. Ezek. 13:7,8

H. Filthy Language

1. Ephes. 5:3,5

2. Col. 3:8

I. Habitually speaking strife – Contentious speech. Synonyms with contentious = belligerent, argumentative, combative, quarrelsome, bellicose, cantankerous

1. Prov. 21:9

2. Prov. 26:21

J. Spreading Pessimism The root of this is unbelief.

1. Heb. 3:12-13

2. 1 Cor. 1:20

3. Prov. 18:21

4. James 3:9-12

5. James 3:7,8

6. * IMPORTANT *** Faith doesn't mean that you don't see the problem! Faith means you can see past the problem and know there is an answer. Faith says, "I may be sick but God is healing me!" Faith is expressed when you declare, "Yes, I have a problem, but God is helping me overcome it. I'm trusting God. I'm believing His promises."**

V. Bridling the Tongue

A. Pause

1. James 1:19
2. Prov. 21:23
3. Prov. 10:19
4. Prov. 17:27-28

B. Ponder

C. Pray - Isaiah 6:5

Cor. 15:45 The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.