

THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH

PSALMS 19:14 AND OTHERS

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Introduction:

1. THE POWER OF WORDS

Our words are more powerful than we may realize.

Words can be much more destructive than sticks and stones, or even guns and knives. They can have a lasting effect that is difficult to recover from.

Proverbs 18:21

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

Words, whether good or bad, pierce deep.

Notice what the Bible says

Proverbs 12:18

¹⁸There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise *is* health.

Words spoken in haste, with no intention of hurt, can in fact pierce like a sword.

Words spoken from a wise heart, however, can do just the opposite; they can heal and bring encouragement.

Note what James says about the Power of the Tongue

James 3:1-10

¹ My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. ² For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same *is* a perfect man, *and* able also to bridle the whole body. ³ Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. ⁴ Behold also the ships, which though *they be* so great, and *are* driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. ⁵ Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! ⁶ 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. ⁷ For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: ⁸ But the tongue can no man tame; *it is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

Note what power the tongue and our words have:

- Our words can be barbaric

Ecclesiastes 10:12

¹²The words of a wise man's mouth *are* gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.

Proverbs 13:3

³He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: *but* he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

- Our words can be a blessing

Isaiah 50:4

⁴The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to *him that is* weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.

Proverbs 12:6

⁶The words of the wicked *are* to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.

- Our words can be beautiful

Proverbs 25:11

¹¹A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold in pictures of silver.

- Our words can be betraying

2 Timothy 2:14

¹⁴Of these things put *them* in remembrance, charging *them* before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, *but* to the subverting of the hearers.

- Our words can be beguiling

Ephesians 5:6

⁶Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

The results of our using our words in a way that's not profitable or right is judgment.

Matthew 12:36-37

³⁶But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. ³⁷For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

A pastor many years ago encouraged his members to follow a simple formula before speaking of any person or subject that was perhaps controversial.

T – Is it **TRUE**

H – Is it **HELPFUL**

I – Is it **INSPIRING**

N – Is it **NCESSARY**

K – Is it **KIND**

2. THE PROFIT OF WORDS

As we stated earlier our words can and should be a blessing.

But not only can our words bless they can also build.

And not only can our words bless and build, they also broadcast.

We should desire to be a blessing to the Lord and to His people.

We should use our words to build up one another.

Hebrews 10:24-25

²⁴ And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: ²⁵ Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

We should use our words to broadcast the goodness and the grace of God to others.

3. THE PURPOSE OF WORDS

The purpose of our words is found in our text.

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Our words are to be acceptable in the Lord's sight.

Close:

Are our words fulfilling their purpose?