

Deuteronomy 30:14 “But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.”

Proverbs 19:1 “Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.”

1 Corinthians 15:33 “Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.”

THINK - SAY - DO

Your Words Affect Your Success

Joshua 1:8

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

Our success is affected largely by what we think, SAY and do. We have already examined our thoughts, and how what we THINK on can condemn us. Now we will look at how our words affect us. What comes out of our mouth is framing our lives. Some people are indifferent with their thoughts but remember, it is the little things that make all the difference.

We are eating what we have sown with our mouths. **Proverbs 18:20** says *“A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled”*. Every word that comes out of your mouth, you will have to eat.

There is a certain amount of satisfaction and gratification a man receives from his words. In the Message Bible **Proverbs 18:20** reads, *“Words satisfy the mind {or soul} ... as fruit does the stomach.”* What are you saying with your mouth? We enjoy what we say, even the bad words.

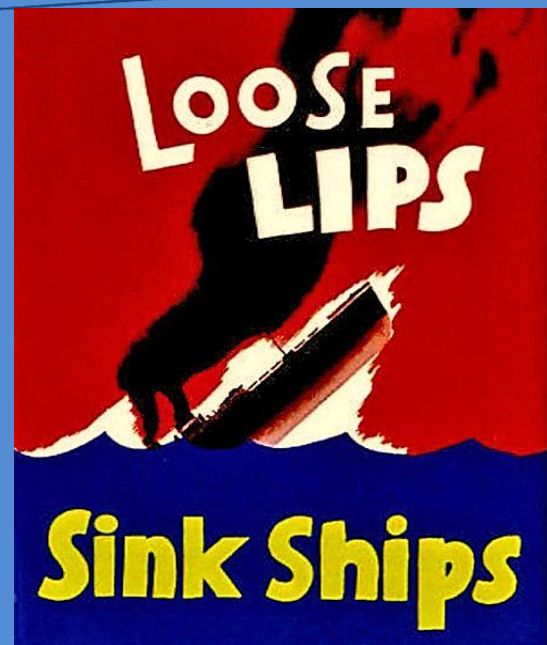
The reason words satisfy the heart is because they are an expression of what we really think. Our words are a true expression of what is on the inside of us. If we look in **Matthew 18:34** it says

“O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.”

When pressure is applied, whatever is on the inside of us will come out. Whatever you have been feeding yourself has to come to the surface and out of your mouth. So, there is a certain satisfaction we get from saying what we think. It's not enough just to think on it, that doesn't satisfy, we want to say it.

It is dangerous to keep thinking on bad things. Words don't always mind their manners and they sometimes come out when you least expect them to. We must remember that there are consequences to our words **Proverbs 12:21** says *“Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.”*

What we say can mean death or life, victory or defeat. People that enjoy giving people a piece of their mind, who wants to *“keep it real”*, who want to vent all the time; are speaking death. Your words have the power to bring life to a situation or death to a situation. When you love it you will eat it. When you say words that come out of your heart, it means something and it



affects you emotionally.

It seems much of our trouble in life can be traced back to something we've said with our mouths (see **Proverbs 13:2, 3**). The phrase “opens wide” in this verse means to show no discretion or to speak loosely. If you want to see good days, and long days, you have to shut your mouth. If you want to see destruction, open your mouth wide with no discretion. As the phrase goes, **“LOOSE LIPS SINK SHIPS”**.

BE CAREFUL LITTLE MOUTH WHAT YOU SAY

Psalms 39:1, 2 in the Message Bible says “I'm determined to watch steps and tongue so they won't land me in trouble. I decided to hold my tongue as long as Wicked is in the room. “Mum's the word,” I said, and kept quiet. But the longer I kept silence The worse it got— my insides got hotter and hotter. My thoughts boiled over; I spilled my guts.” We kill each other, the program and our own success with our mouth. Sometimes you don't even need to say good things. You need to know who you are in front of and what is appropriate to say. You have to know when the enemy is around and say nothing. Notice the call to restrain one's mouth (words). Anyone talking a lot is probably sinning a lot (see **Proverbs 10:19**). We need to Watch Our Mouths because what's truly in our hearts will come out. We are giving life to whatever is coming out of our mouth and if we don't learn to hold our tongues, we may be giving the enemy important information to ruin our success. Let's not be snared by what we say!





What's in your HEART will come out your MOUTH

James 1:19 "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath"

So when can I speak? What can come out of my mouth? The time we need to exercise the greatest restraint is during those times of adversity or pressure (see **James 1:19**).

We mustn't speak out of anger or pressure. This is the most important time to watch our mouths. The tendency is to run your mouth, but really you need to be quiet when there is more pressure. Instead, **our words should be the result of meditation.** **Colossians 4:6** says *"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."*

Never discredit or speak the truth against another person needlessly (see **Proverbs 24:28**). When you are pressured to defend yourself, or revenge yourself for some wrong done to you, you need to find yourself listening to God more. Some of the situations we are finding ourselves in are funneling us on a long journey, so we need to be listening to see what God has to say before we respond.

Our words should be a result of what we have thought

on, mused on and meditated on. **We should speak the truth, but it should be done in love.** Everyone deserves the right words so you better taste those words before they come out of your mouth.

The truth is not to be used as a means to settle a score. This is how people develop a disdain for the truth. Sometimes **the key to making sure the right words come out is to make sure** that the wrong words don't. **Ephesians 4:29** says *"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."*

Truth can hurt people because of how it is used so sometimes it is wise just to say nothing at all.

Proverbs 30:32 says *"If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, lay thine hand upon thy mouth."* If it requires you getting dirty, don't say it. Even if you thought the wrong thing, don't say it. You are already in trouble with God for thinking it, but you will also

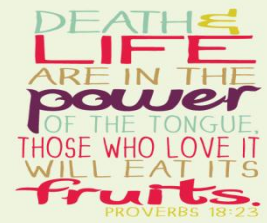
sin against man when you say it.

Isaiah 6:5-7 says *"Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged."*

This passage lets us know that our lips can be unclean from the company that we keep. **We talk the way we talk because of the people that hang around.** If you truly want to sanctify yourself and lay hold of the success God wants for you, you must sanctify (separate) from your friends and sanctify your mouth.

If we want to keep the small foxes from spoiling our vines, we have to put up a fence or barrier in our lives. This is done to restrain our words from just running loosely. **The word must be in our mouth if we are to do the word.** God wants us to think on His word, before we say anything or do anything so we will have good success!

PURIFY YOUR MOUTH BEFORE YOU SPEAK



Let's take a closer look at how Isaiah responded when he took the time to think. When you read Isaiah 6:1-8, you would think that upon seeing the presence of God, Isaiah would join in with the angels in worship. However, his impurity prevented him from worship. And the seat of his impurity lay in his mouth!

Some people think that they are already holy until they come into the presence of God. When you compare your mouth (the words that you say) with God's mouth (the words that He says) then you will see how undone you are. Even the best men have reason to be ashamed when they examine their mouth in light of God's holiness!

Some people have the wrong mouth because they have the wrong friends. The impurity of Isaiah's mouth lay in the fact that he lived among an unclean people. Our communication is largely affected by the company that we keep. We can sanctify our words by remembering this.

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