

THE QUEENS MINISTRY BIBLE BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

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“What Did You Say?!”

“Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.” Colossians 4: 6

Managing the unruly member of the body!

What does the Bible say about the tongue?

Proverbs 18:21a: _____

God tells us in His Word that the tongue has incredible power. We can use our tongue to bring blessings and life or curses and death. The saying "sticks and stones can break my bones but words will never hurt me" is simply not true. Our tongues can be the most difficult thing to control and leave us with great regret if we use our words to hurt.

There is hope! The Bible tells us that with the help of the Holy Spirit we can have power and control over our tongue. * (*from internet page – Bible Study Tools 3/21/21)

Part 1: What does the writer James have to say to us about the tongue?

“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires... 26 Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

James also tells us about several qualities of the tongue: (read James 3:1-12)

The tongue is:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____

7) _____

8) The writer also tells us with the tongue we do what?

Remember the book of James reminds us that controlling the tongue can help keep the peace.

Let's see what else the Bible says about the tongue – And let's be encouraged to start speaking words of life and healing today!

Part 2: How does the Bible say I should answer and treat others?

1. "Do not let any _____ come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for _____ according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." Ephesians 4:29

2. "Do not repay _____ with evil or _____ with insult..." 1 Peter 3:9

3. "A _____ answer turns away wrath, but a _____ stirs up anger." Proverbs 15:1

4. "To _____ of no one, to avoid _____, to be gentle, and to show perfect _____ toward all people." Titus 3:2

5. "A _____ betrays a confidence, but a _____ person keeps a secret." Proverbs 11:13

6. "If one gives _____ before he hears, it is his folly and _____." Proverbs 18:13

7. "Without _____ a fire goes out; without a gossip a quarrel dies down." Proverbs 26:20

8. "Gracious words are like a honeycomb, _____ to the soul and _____ to the body." Proverbs 16:24

9. "The soothing tongue is a _____, but a perverse tongue _____ the spirit." Proverbs 15:4

Let's be mindful of these words from Solomon: To everything there is a season.... "A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;" Ecclesiastes 3:7

Part 3: What does the Bible say we must do to discipline our tongue?

1. "Those who _____ their lips preserve their lives, but those who speak _____ will come to ruin." Proverbs 13:3
2. "Set a _____, O Lord, over my mouth; keep _____ over the door of my lips!" Psalms 141:3
3. "Whoever _____ his words has knowledge, and he who has a _____ is a man of understanding." Proverbs 17:27
4. "When words are _____, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is _____." Proverbs 10:19
5. "And whoever guards his _____ keeps his soul from troubles." Proverbs 21:23
6. "Whoever would love life and see good days must _____ and _____ from deceitful speech." 1 Peter 3:10
7. "A fool's lips walks into a _____ and his mouth invites a _____." Proverbs 18:6
8. "Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be _____, slow to _____, slow to _____..." James 1:19

**Remember the words Jesus shared with the disciples: "What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them."
Matthew 15:11**

Matthew 12:36 ESV

I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak.

The Bible warns us about the danger of our tongues when we use them the wrong way. Those careless words that slip from our mouths have a disastrous impact in the long run.

Think about it: what does this verse say to you? _____

Part 4: "R.E.S.P.E.C.T!"

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A noted African-American singer made famous these words: "Respect! Find out what it means to me!" We all want respect and just as important, we all need to give it! * (TQM 40-Day Devotional)



What are some ways we don't show respect in our speech, our communication, our talk, or our conversations?

So let's be mindful how we treat others, the Word of God encourages believers to get along with one another – to live peaceably and lovingly as co-laborers. To live in harmony! Remember **unity** or **harmony** does not just happen, **it must be worked at!**

Let us, as followers and leaders alike, to be sensitive to the Spirit's directives and to become ambassadors for unity and harmony.

Jesus issued this directive: "And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise." (Luke 6:31) **Let's follow the "Golden Rule" in our speech and behavior.**

Prayer- Father, guide me in my walk with others, that I may be gracious in speech and manners. That I may show respect to all and learn to honor others. Help me to discipline my tongue that I will learn not to

I pray in Jesus' name – Amen.