1Thess #110

Sins of the tongue are venomous!

/The 2023 PRB Ministry Bible Conference is official locked and loaded! It will take place at The Dunnellon Historical Society, Train Depot, on November 11 & 12th \

That is veteran’s day weekend 2023!

That is the definitive date, it will not change because I have paid the full amount for a weekend rental.

I signed the agreement and handed over the check so we are good to go in November.

More details are coming in the next two weeks but you have solid dates that I locked in the other day. You have over 3 full months to set that date aside.

As we close out this short series on negativity, and attacking authority. Let us be reminded of the fact, that this attitude of attack and erosion of the chain of command - shows up when there are problems deep within the soul structure of the person on the attack.

/Fear, anxiety, worry, anger, bitterness and blaming authority all fall under this category. Just as the sins of the tongue such as complaining, gossiping, lying and slander. It is these exact types of sins I think we need to be reminded of. The reason is a set of chain events develop within the soul where they are all interconnected at some point. \

Turn to Proverbs chapter 5

Wicked little cousins who all gather once one or two gain a foothold.

/Sins of the tongue such as complaining, slander, or gossip are generated from within a bitter soul and become the cancer-causing agent that can destroy relationships & organizations. Those SOT are because one or several of the wicked cousins have ignited that tongue. \

Think about the Exodus generation…they witness the ten plagues…they just got delivered from 400 yrs of slavery….and at the first sign of trouble what do they do?

/Exo 14:11 Then they said to Moses, “Is it because there were no graves in Egypt that **you have taken us away to die in the wilderness?** Why have you dealt with us in this way, bringing us out of Egypt?

They attacked Moses – which meant they were attacking GOD.\

After watching the Red Seas not only be parted but the army of Pharaoh disappear under the crushing waves of the seas…what do they do at the next obstacle in front of them?

/Exo 15: 24 So **the people grumbled at Moses,** saying, “What shall we drink?”

This becomes a pattern for the Exodus generation, the bitterness and complaining it leads to attacks upon the authority God has given them.\

Let’s look at the genius of King Solomon…

/PRO 5:1 My son, **give attention** to **my wisdom**, Incline your ear to **my understanding;**

This speaks specifically to the WORD of God! More to the point, digesting and allowing that knowledge to become wisdom.\

Give attention - means find the place where BD is accurately taught and submit yourself to it.

Pro 5:2 That you may observe discretion, And your lips may reserve knowledge.

Pro 5:3 For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, And smoother than oil is her speech;

/Pro 5:4 But in the end **she is bitter as wormwood,** Sharp as a two‑edged sword.

The viewpoint of the devil’s world is the adulteress who draws the Bel away, leading them toward counterfeits which enflame the OSN. \

I have taught you about wormwood…it is a poisonous and bitter tree.

Every time we have seen it in scripture it reflects a bitter spirit or something or someone with a poisonous nature. It often is related directly to the trickery and lies of Satan that poison the soul.

Satan’s whole system is designed to deceive and entice your flesh.

/Gal 5:22 But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, -

We then could say in all honesty the fruit of the flesh…

**Fruit of the flesh**, bitterness, strife, anger, jealousy, gossip, slander and complaining. It is wormwood.\

Turn to James chapter 1

The problem with a Bel who is involved with constant complaining and grumbling is they are on the verge of that explosion I mentioned months ago. The implosion is already happening because we can see it and hear it from the sins of the tongue. That is the sign of the explosion when that which is venomous within begins to infect others.

 REPEAT

When we lack one of the key components in spiritual growth…we end up reacting with our emotions in control instead of handling life’s problems with BD.

The key components are studying the word of God - metabolizing it…applying it… being filled with the HS consistently. (Two power options)

Look at James 1:22…it gives us a good look at the problem many Bel’s struggle with. Probably all of us at different points in our spiritual walk.

/Jam 1:22 But **prove yourselves doers** of the word, and **not merely hearers** who **delude themselves**.

This is not about a works program. This speaks to a Bel walking (lifestyle) toward maturity.\

Jam 1:23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; 24 for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.

/Jam 1:25 But one who looks intently at the perfect law, **the *law* of liberty**, and **abides by it**, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, **this man will be blessed in what he does**. 26 If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and **yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his *own* heart**, this man’s religion is worthless.

The law of liberty points to god’s perfect grace plan we are called to walk in. \

In verse 25 that law of liberty is freedom…the freedom to grow in God’s grace and knowledge.

*Thrēskeia –* THRACE -KI-EYE

/Religion – Greek is defined different than we know the term today, *Thrēskeia;* A respect toward God that shows worship, awe or trembling with a genuine reverence. This means how you walk habitually, your lifestyle of worship.\

This is speaking directly to your relationship with God.

To bridle or hold onto your tongue is actually part of your spiritual growth…it shows you are advancing in the PPOG.

/Jam 1:26 If anyone thinks himself to be religious (spiritually mature), and **yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his *own* heart**, this man’s religion (spirituality) is worthless.\

Remember it is a sin when we are lying against the truth.

We speak and present one thing - yet live in another.

The worse deception you can have is deceiving yourself…it can become one of the most painful deceptions in your life.

/Jam 3:14 "But **if you have bitter jealousy and strife** in your heart (right lobe), do not be arrogant and **do not lie against the truth**."

Your soul structure uses the left lobe to filter and the right is where we fully digest and develop BD deep within.\

When Job was struggling with his test he began to become double minded…Job let the flesh take over.

Job was operating from human viewpoint not divine viewpoint when he began to grumble and complain.

/Job said in 7:11 "Therefore, I will not restrain my mouth**; I will speak in the stress of my mind, I will complain** in the **bitterness of my soul**."\

Turn to the book of Jude and we will close there today.

We as born-again Bel’s have a responsibility to respect authority…learn to apply doctrinal principles to our lives.

Sins of the tongue - especially against God’s chosen authority, openly display a carnal Bel.

/Even when we are upset or disagree with authority we are never to undermine or attack authority. There is always a right way to approach authority and speak truth. Emotional people tend to lash out with little evidence to back up their anger and reasoning. \

Look what we are told in Jude 1:8

Jude is describing false teachers and those sent into local assemblies to disrupt the truth.

Exactly what we have been learning about in Corinth and Thessalonica.

/Jud 1:8 Yet in the same way these men, also **by dreaming**, **defile the flesh**, and **reject authority**, and **revile angelic majesties.**

The aspect of dreaming speaks to emotional nonsense, thoughts and desires motivated by the OSN.\

Jud 1:9 But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!” 10 But these men revile the things which they do not understand; and the things which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by these things they are destroyed

Michael the archangel - a military angel of the highest order, understands the protocol within the chain of command.

Jud 1:11 Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain, and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

Cain was the Unbel who developed a works program – religion.

This means Bels who have now gone so far backward, they are brought to the sin unto death. (Balaam & Korah)

/Jud 1:8 - *from emotional revolt, they reject authority* - *they make a career out of deceiving others* *with religious lies and counterfeits;*

Satan loves to use Unbels to attack the men of God. Or he promotes a backsliding Bel to go negative toward truth which in turn pushes them to go against the authority of God.\

That is the Pastor Rick translation!

*JUD 1:10 They revile things which they do not understand;*

Real BD frustrates their narrative.

/Jud 1:11 - Cain rejected BD, the protocol plan was not important to him. Balaam had problems with covetousness and deceit. Korah rebelled against authority (Moses). There is a mix of an Unbel and two carnal Bels described because that was common back then as it is today. Not everyone who says they are Christians are true Christians. \

Many people you think are Christians may not be – or, they simply may be in full blown reversionism.

/Jud 1:12 says they are hidden reefs in your love feasts …fellowship feasts promoted alongside the Lord’s Supper, fruitless and corrupted, having no respect for TLJC.\

There was an eliminate of greed and self-serving promotion in these hidden reefs/love feasts…that Greek term REEFS is the word SPEE-LOSS.

Meaning the ability or nature that corrupts others, having a negative influence on other Bel’s.

/Jud 1:16 **These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their own lusts;** they **speak arrogantly**, flattering people for the sake of gaining an advantage.

Sins of the tongue much like MA sins spread out quickly like feathers in the wind. They can gain momentum over time bringing along other sins of the tongue that touch ears in the periphery.\

/Jud 1:19 They cause divisions, and are worldly‑minded, **devoid of** *(the filling of)* **the Spirit**.

This starts with a root of bitterness that hasn’t been addressed by the Bel.\

Bitterness also motivates gossip and the creation of lies and slanderous accusations.

This all has the snowball affect…one feeding off another;

/Psa 64:3 says "They have **sharpened** their tongue like a sword. **They aimed their bitter speech like an arrow**."

The sharpening happens prior too (implosion) then they aim and shoot (explosion).\

I’m certain Satan began with an arrogant or bitter thought which led to a negative word which then in turn fueled a fire of rebellion toward the authority of God.

It was the 60’s generation that pushed the agenda to rebel or question authority at every turn.

There is a time and place to stand against authority.

/Act 5:29 But Peter and the apostles answered, “**We must obey God rather than men.**\

When you get involved in negative conversations about leadership, you are embarking on a journey of undermining that person’s authority…even on the slightest level.

I bet Satan didn’t start out with one or two big bold statements against God…he built up to the 5 I will’s!

/Questioning authority one on one, with respect and consideration of the right time and right place is the only path you should seek when you are certain God is leading you to stand up against authority.\

First and foremost be certain God is leading you in that direction.

Second never disrespect the authority…you respect the seat of president even if you don’t respect the current president himself.

Thirdly keep a tight lip and wait till you have the right time and opportunity.

Joshua was told by God be strong and courageous after he took over for Moses.

Joshua was thrust into the leadership role and also the key military leader as well. God put a lot on his plate but God had been grooming Joshua behind the scenes.

/Jos 1:7 **Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law** which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go.

The chain of command and seat of authority were very clearly taught to Joshua. \

Be careful to stay in the WORD.

Joshua was faithful to God …Joshua respected Moses authority. Joshua and Caleb were really the only two guys who did remain faithful to God.

/One of the most important things God told Joshua to do was keep BD as his first priority! Many Bel’s think they can keep BD in the top ten but not in that number one slot and many times it backfires on them over a period of time. Eventually the yo-yo game of spirituality (in and out of God’s plan) ends in misery or discipline.\

It blows up in their face at some point.

God only lets you run so far from His plans.

/Jos 1:8 **This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night**, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.\

You always lose when you attack authority!