



The Impact of Spoken Words

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"Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. 32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. 33 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. 34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. 36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. 37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matthew 12:31-37).

Words have impact on the speaker, the hearer and the world around us. Through spoken words we can decide our destiny for good or bad and create the world around us. Note the following:

- 1) Blaspheming the Holy Spirit dooms in hell;
- 2) Words reveals who a person really is;
- 3) What people call slip of tongue is actually the inevitable escape of the 'gas' that has been building up within;
- 4) Every spoken words shall be accounted for;
- 5) Words justify or condemn a person.

There is power in the tongue for evil or good as illustrated in the following scriptures:

- 1) James 3:1-18 warns that the tongue is a little member that is capable of great damage;
- 2) Numbers 12:1-16 Miriam became leprous and delayed the Israelites in the wilderness because of the misuse of her tongue;
- 3) Numbers 13 & 14 The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, and the adults

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died there without inheriting the promised land, because of murmuring;

- 4) 2 Kings 7:1-20 The king's deputy was trodden to death because speaking unwisely.

On the other hand, words also have great positive impacts that we can tap into:

- 1) Joshua 10:12 The sun stood still at Joshua's command allowing Israel to win;
- 2) Mark 4:39 Jesus calmed storms by words;
- 3) Acts 3 Peter and John healed a 40 years old man through spoken words of faith;
- 4) 2 Kings 7:1-20 Elisha brought abundance in famine through spoken words;
- 5) Joshua and Caleb inherited the promised land through spoken words of faith.

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof" (Proverbs 18:21). Let's use our tongues to steer the course of the rest of our lives for good, guided by God's promises, such as:

- 1) Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways (Job 22:28);
- 2) Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven (Matthew 18:18-19);
- 3) Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened (Matthew 7:7-8).