You and Your Mouth

PART TWO

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"Children may not remember what you say, but they will never forget how you made them feel."

[2]For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. [3]If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. [4]Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. [5]So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! —James 3:2-5

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. —Ephesians 6:4

[11]For you know how, like a father with his children, [12]we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into His own kingdom and glory. —1 Thessalonians 2:11-12

"If your lips would keep from slips, five things we must observe with care: to whom you speak, of whom you speak and how… and when… and where."

[13]Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom… [17]But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. [18]And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. —James 3:13, 17-18

Three Principles to Harness the Positive Power of the Tongue

1. _____

[19]Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; [20]for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. —James 1:19-20

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The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, and they go down and destroy the inmost body. —Proverbs 18:8 NKJV

[2]The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly… [7]The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so the hearts of fools… [28]The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things. —Proverbs 15:2, 7, 28

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Notes:

There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. —Proverbs 12:18

Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life; he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin. —Proverbs 13:3

A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back. —Proverbs 29:11

For pressing milk produces curds, pressing the nose produces blood, and pressing anger produces strife. —Proverbs 30:33

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The lips of the righteous feed many. —Proverbs 10:21a KJV

Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad. —Proverbs 12:25

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. —Ephesians 4:29

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When words are many transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent. —Proverbs 10:19

[6]A fool's lips walk into a fight, and his mouth invites a beating.
[7]A fool's mouth is his ruin, and his lips are a snare to his soul.
—Proverbs 18:6-7

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A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit. —Proverbs 15:4

Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body. —Proverbs 16:24

"I have often regretted my speech, but never my silence."
—Publilius Syrus

2. _____

The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life. —Prov. 10:11a

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.
—Proverbs 25:11

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
—Proverbs 15:1

Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ. —Ephesians 4:15

Whoever rebukes a man will afterward find more favor than he who flatters with his tongue. —Proverbs 28:23

3. _____

Death and life are in the power of the tongue.—Prov. 18:21a

[36]I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, [37]for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.
—Matthew 12:36-37

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