

## TIPS FOR THE TONGUE

### Words Matter

#### I. Words Matter

##### A. We were created in God's image- Genesis 1:26-27

1. God used words to create all we see.
2. We live in a word universe
  - a. **John 1:1-3**
  - b. **Hebrews 1:3**
3. We were designed to exercise authority with words- God brought all the animals to see what we would call them. **Gen. 2:19** Naming something exercises authority over it.
  - a. We have the authority to name and call things that come into our lives what we choose to! Instead of calling what has come to you a problem, call it an opportunity!
  - b. God had a habit of changing people's name! This would alter their lives! Changing a name would release His authority in their lives and change their character to fit their name.
  - c. We need to do that with the negative things we face in life. Instead of calling them by their old name, we have the authority to change their name? Let's practice this! What are some common problems and how could we change their name to line up with the Word of God?
    - sick body- healed body
    - lack of finances- richly supplied

##### B. Words are containers

1. Death and life are in the power of the tongue- **Prov. 18:21**
  - a. Death is mentioned first because the tendency of humans is to speak death instead of life
  - b. **Question:** In what ways do humans speak death in their life? Do you think it is just happenstance that so many phrases that contain death, dying, and sickness are in the human vocabulary? What is the origin or reason for this?
  - c. Words are containers for spiritual forces.
2. Words matter to God because we will be brought into judgment for our words
  - a. **Matt. 12:36-37**
  - b. vain words are words that you do not believe or are spoken for no purpose. God does not speak words he does

not believe or are without purpose. He does not rattle on and on.

### C. **Words and faith**

1. God mixes faith with His words. He believes the words He speaks.

2. A spiritual law that God has established is that the words we believe in our heart will go to work to bring it to pass. Unbelievers and believers operate in this law. This law is in effect all the time either in the positive or negative.

#### a. **Mark 11:23**

3. The overall long term condition of your life is a direct by-product of what you have believed and have spoken in your life.

4. It is vital that our heart believe what we say. If we do not line up our words with what we believe then when it is time that we need to exercise faith, then our heart has not been prepared for it. This is even true with God's Word. God spoke it, but we need to speak it also. If we have trained our heart to not believe what we say, then our heart will not believe God's Word either when it comes out of our mouth.

5. Many people say things like, I am dying to go. My arm is killing me. It tickled me to death. I am sick and tired. Now people really do not believe that they are going to die or are sick. What is the problem then? The problem is that we are speaking things that we do not believe. These are vain words! Our heart does not believe our words. Our heart is being trained not to believe what we are saying. We need to either speak words we believe or speak words we need to believe! Many people are speaking things they see, feel, hear, and have been taught that are contrary to God. If they believe them, then the power of death is released in their lives. If they speak words according to God and get to believe them, then life is released.