

TIPS FOR THE TONGUE

Words are Seeds

I. Introduction

- A. Last week we started a series called- Tips for the Tongue
- B. We discussed the importance of words. If we do not recognize the importance of words then we will be careless in our words
- C. This week I want us to see that words are seeds.
- D. Seeds are powerful and have great potential for good or harm, depending what is locked up in the seed.

II. Seeds must have time to grow

A. Luke 8:5-15

- B. The seed is the Word of God. God's words are seeds.
- C. We are created in His image and our words are also seeds. Our seeds have limited potential, but God's have unlimited potential. That is why it is important we speak God's words and not just our own.
- D. To plant the seed, words must be spoken or planted in the heart! This parable is about people hearing the gospel message, but the principles of this parable apply to our everyday lives. We are farmer of our own heart and life. It is up to us to believe and speak properly over our lives. It is no one else's!
- E. Seeds must have sufficient time to grow! A farmer does not plant his seed, and then in a week dig them all up because things have not changed!
- F. The first field did not receive any seed because the seed was thrown haphazardly and fell on the walking path. This is speaking vain and empty words.
- G. The second field received the spoken word but did not have much root or moisture. When the heat came it withered away.
 - 1. Satan will come an attack you for the word's sake
 - 2. The seed takes root by believing the spoken word, but it is watered by your continued confession of faith and actions that line up with it.
 - 3. Satan will make your circumstances appear to be the opposite of what you believe and what you are confessing. If you stop

confessing the same thing then the root stops growing and you cut off the water from the seed!

4. Too often we give up on our confession because of circumstances and the seeds potential are not realized! They do not come to fruition in our lives. We must have faith and patience to see a harvest from our words! **Heb. 6:12**

H. The third ground represent distractions. We can forget about what we have believed and have spoken and get side-tracked with other things. Do not quit your confession of faith until you see a harvest from your words. Keep watering the seed. You don't have to keep doing this 24 seven, but when you think of it, water your seed by your confession of faith.

1. **Mark 4:27-29**- When you lay down and rise up is a good time to water your seed, but then know it is growing, and when it is ready then harvest it!

2. We do not know how the seed grows but it does! God speaks in outcomes and then the processes are released to manifest that. We are to plant God's outcomes in our heart and continue to water our faith in those outcomes by our confession of faith. God causes the growth. He will set into motion the processes for that outcome to be realized. Too many people are trying to figure out how they can have an outcome in their life and are working real hard at it. Instead of doing that we can believe and speak an outcome and then the processes to bring it about will be released in us. We will receive divine wisdom, insight, and direction on what to do to see that desired end come to fruition. In the seed all the necessary processes for a full harvest are locked up within it. Within the seed of the Word of God is all the power and wisdom necessary to bring a rich harvest. We just need to plant it and water it, and God gives the increase! **1 Cor. 3:6**

J. The fourth field had patience and received the proper amount of time and water to give a harvest. Too often we try to harvest something as soon as we see a blade pop up! Wait until the full harvest is ready. Don't get ahead of God or pick unripe fruit.

K. The growth process works the same towards the bad as well as the good. So many people have deeply rooted problems in their life because of wrong believing and wrong confession. They have believed a lie and have spoken in line with it so long that it is deeply

rooted in their lives and bearing alot of bad fruit! You can uproot these wrong plants by renouncing the lies and by beginning to sow good seeds and watering them. It will not happen over night!

L. Having patience for the growth of the seed is what develops our character! Our character is what will be able to handle the harvest correctly!