

# The Power of the Tongue

## ■ **Put Off The Old Man and Put On The New Man**

- **Ephesians 4:20-24** *But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.*
- **Colossians 3:9-10** *Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new [man] who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,*

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### – Let Your Yes Be Yes

- » **Matthew 23:16** *"Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is obliged [to perform it.]'*
- » **Matthew 5:33-37** *" Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.' 34 "But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; 35 "nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 "Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 "But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.*
- » **James 5:12** *But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your "Yes," be "Yes," and [your] "No," "No," lest you fall into judgment.*
- » **Psalm 15:1-4** *LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?... 4 In whose eyes a vile person is despised, But he honors those who fear the LORD; He [who] swears to his own hurt and does not change;*

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### – Speak The Truth

- » Proverbs 8:7 For my mouth will speak truth; *Wickedness [is] an abomination to my lips.*
- » Proverbs 12:19 The truthful lip shall be established forever, *But a lying tongue [is] but for a moment.*
- » Zechariah 8:16 *These [are] the things you shall do: Speak each man the truth to his neighbor; Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace;*
- » Ephesians 4:25 *Therefore, putting away lying, ["Let] each one [of you] speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.*
- » Psalm 15:1-2 *LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? 2 He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart;*

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### – Bless And Do Not Curse

- » **Romans 12:14** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
- » **Matthew 5:44** "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,
- » **1 Corinthians 4:12** *And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure;*
- » **Jude 8-9** *Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. 9 Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"*

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### – Let Your Speech Be With Salt and Grace

- » Colossians 4:6 [Let] your speech always [be] with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.
- » Mark 9:50 "Salt [is] good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another."
- » Proverbs 10:11 The mouth of the righteous [is] a well of life, But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
- » Proverbs 12:18 There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise [promotes] health.
- » Proverbs 22:11 He who loves purity of heart [And has] grace on his lips, The king [will be] his friend.
- » Proverbs 16:21-24 The wise in heart will be called prudent, And sweetness of the lips increases learning. 22 Understanding [is] a wellspring of life to him who has it. But the correction of fools [is] folly. 23 The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, And adds learning to his lips. 24 Pleasant words [are like] a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.

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### – Be Able To Give An Appropriate Answer

- » Proverbs 15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.
- » Proverbs 15:23 A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word [spoken] in due season, how good [it is!]
- » Proverbs 15:28 The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, But the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.
- » Proverbs 17:27-28 He who has knowledge s pares his words, [And] a man of understanding is of a calm spirit. 28 Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; [When] he shuts his lips, [he is considered] perceptive.
- » Proverbs 24:26 He who gives a right answer kisses the lips.
- » Proverbs 25:11,15 A word fitly spoken [is like] apples of gold In settings of silver. 15 By long forbearance a ruler is persuaded, And a gentle tongue breaks a bone.
- » James 1:19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;

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### – Speak As The Oracles of God

- » 1 Peter 4:11 *If anyone speaks, [let him speak] as the oracles of God...*
- » Psalm 119:13 *With my lips I have declared All the judgments of Your mouth.*
- » Psalm 119:172 *My tongue shall speak of Your word, For all Your commandments [are] righteousness.*
- » Proverbs 10:13 *Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has understanding, But a rod [is] for the back of him who is devoid of understanding.*
- » Proverbs 10:31 *The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, But the perverse tongue will be cut out.*
- » Proverbs 16:1 *The preparations of the heart [belong] to man, But the answer of the tongue [is] from the LORD.*
- » Proverbs 22:20-21 *Have I not written to you excellent things Of counsels and knowledge, 21 That I may make you know the certainty of the words of truth, That you may answer words of truth To those who send to you?*