

LISTENING TO HOW YOUR TONGUE TELLS YOUR STORY

Colossians 4:2-6

I. INTRODUCTION:

A. The power of your tongue: (See *Ja. 3:2-12; Pro. 18:21*)

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- 2.
- 3.

B. Contrasting the speech of the redeemed vs. the speech of the unredeemed:

Unredeemed

Evil (Pro. 15:28)
Sexually suggestive: (Pro. 5:3)
Cursing: (Ps. 10:7)
Lies: (Pro. 12:22)
Destructive: (Pro. 11:11)
Flattery: (Pro. 26:28)
Foolish: (Pro. 15:2)
Boasting: (Rom. 1:30)
Hateful: (Ps. 109:3)
Wordy: (Eccl. 10:14)
Gossip: (Pro. 26:22)

Redeemed

Confession: (I Jn. 1:9)
Building up others: (Eph. 4:29)
Discussing the Bible: (Ex. 13:9)
Praising God: (Ps. 66:16)
Wise and kind counsel: (Pro. 31:26)
Gentle speech: (Pro. 15:1)

(See Back)

II. THE VITAL MINISTRY OF YOUR TONGUE:

A. Using your tongue to pray: vv. 2-3a

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

B. Using your tongue to proclaim: vv. 3b-4

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- 2.
- 3.

C. Using your tongue to witness: v. 5

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- 2.

D. Using your tongue as a purifying influence: v. 6

1. "Always with grace" (See *Eph. 4:29*)
2. "Seasoned with salt"
3. "Know how ye ought to answer every man" (See *I Pet. 3:15*)

III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice)

A.

B.

C.

The Snake That Poisons Everybody

It
topples
governments,
wrecks
marriages,
ruins
careers,
busts
reputations,
causes
heartaches,
nightmares,
indigestion,
spawns suspicion,
generates
grief,
dispatches
innocent
people
to cry in their
pillows.
Even its name
hisses.
It's called
gossip.
Office gossip,
Shop gossip.
Party gossip.
It makes
headlines
and headaches.
Before
you repeat
a story,
ask yourself:
Is it true?
Is it fair?
Is it necessary?
If not,
shut up.