Balcony ***God-Speak*** Nov 8th 2026 Bob Metcalf

1 Thess 4:4 *"that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,"*

Prov 18:20-21 "*Death and life are in the power of the tongue,*
And those who love it will eat its fruit.
A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth;
From the produce of his lips he shall be filled."

There is a whole theology in Scripture about our speech.

James 1:26 *"If anyone among you thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but (deceives his own heart), this one's religion is useless." Or worthless.*

James 3:1-12 *"My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.*
[2] For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect/MATURE man, able also to ***bridle*** *the whole body.*
[3] Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body.

James then describes SHIP that weighs multi -ton yet has a small rudder.

PLAY you tube VIDEO OF FOR SHIP IN MANUVER TESTING.

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/EEb41fCvF-g

. [4] Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds/NUCLEAR REACTOR, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires.
[5] Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things.

James describes winds that can be fierce, but the rudder of a ship can still give direction even in the face of a direct adversity wind coming against your life! Even though the adversarial horse or boat can be bigger; the power of the tongue can still rule them and give them direction!

Vs 5*"See how great a forest a little fire kindles!*

Pro 16:27 *"An ungodly man digs up evil, And it is on his lips like a burning fire."*

Prov:26-20-22 *Where there is no wood, the fire goes out;*
And where there is no talebearer, strife ceases.

As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire,
So is a contentious man to kindle strife.
The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles,
And they go down into the inmost body.

Vs 6 *And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.*
9 *With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude/likeness of God.*
10 *Out of the same mouth proceed* ***blessing and cursing.***
My brethren, these things ought not to be so.

Now, we should condemn wrong and not compromise truth, but we are not to destroy dignity.

- **Cursing** is showing a desire to see destruction come upon others or evil come into their life. *"I wish you were dead"*

- **Cussing i**s profanity and has become normalized, it denigrates someone and things. "*F-bomb***"**

Eph 5:4 "*neither filthiness/* ***obscenity, all that is contrary to purity.****, nor foolish/****stupid talking****, nor coarse jesting/****making humor of others,*** *which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.*

Col 3:8 "*But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language/* ***low and obscene speech*** *out of your mouth."*
Col 3:9 *"Do not lie to one another"* Lying is contrary to God's nature.
God is Truth and who is the Father of lies? Satan himself.

<u>Cussing: The Bankruptcy of Language</u>

1. **Profanity is the vocabulary of a shrinking soul.**
   When reverence declines, vulgarity increased
2. **A foul mouth reveals what a pure heart would conceal.**
   Words expose the condition of the heart
3. **Corrupt talk is often a substitute for thoughtful speech.**
   Weak minds often lean on strong words.
4. **Profanity is verbal litter-it leaves every conversation dirtier than it found it**.
   What degrades speech diminishes communication.
5. **When speech loses its purity, Character is rarely far behind.**

The tongue often announces where the heart is headed.

James says, "*My brethren, these things ought not to be so. "*

In the Bible the mouth is attached to the heart.

Proverbs 16:23 "*The heart of the wise teaches/guides his mouth,*
And adds learning to his lips."

Luke 6:45 "*A good man **out of the** good treasure **of** his **heart** brings forth good; and an evil man **out of the** evil treasure **of** his **heart** brings forth evil. For **out of the abundance of the heart** his mouth speaks."*

Ps 109:17-18 "*As he loved **cursing,** so let it come to him;*
As he did not delight in blessing, so let it be far from him."
*As he clothed himself with **cursing** as with his garment,*
So let it enter his body like water,
And like oil into his bones.

Ps 141:3 *"Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips."*

Ps 119:14 "*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer."*

In other words, *I want to make you God, happy and pleased with my speech!*

Let's examine our hearts today!

Give thanks in the midst of where you are at!

Change your heart to change your speech!

I want 'God-Speak'