

Choices Part 10 – Choice Words

God has certain laws (principles) and these laws work for those that have confessed that Jesus is the Son of God, **AND it works for even those that haven't.**

When it comes to God's law it works for whoever - now there is something required but we will get to that later

- **Our choices can limit God's ability to bless us – to work in our lives –**
 - It's not that God is serving us and is at our "beck in call" but He has given us so much authority that we don't realize.
- We are waiting on a move of God while He is saying you move
 - You choose to obey
 - You choose to listen
 - You choose to follow
 - It's not up to Him what kind of life we have it's up to YOU

Deuteronomy 30:16-20 (HCSB)

¹⁶ For I am commanding you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commands, statutes, and ordinances, so that you may live and multiply, and the LORD your God may bless you in the land you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not listen and you are led astray to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸ I tell you today that you will certainly perish and will not live long in the land you are entering to possess across the Jordan. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. **Choose** life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ love the LORD your God, obey Him, and remain faithful to Him. For He is your life, and He will prolong your life in the land the LORD swore to give to your fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

Proverbs 15:1-4 (HCSB)

⁴ The tongue that heals is a tree of life, but a devious tongue breaks the spirit.

Proverbs 18:20-21 (HCSB)

²⁰ From the fruit of his mouth a man's stomach is satisfied; he is filled with the product of his lips. ²¹ Life and death are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

- The quality of the life you are living depends on what you have been saying.
 - In other words, your success, or lack thereof, depends a lot upon your mouth.
 - I know people who have a belly full of bitterness, resentment, strife and broken relationships.
 - Whether or not they know it, they're "eating" the fruit of their mouths.
 - **It may seem odd, but in a very real spiritual sense, your mouth is producing the things that are filling your life.**

Proverbs 12:14 (HCSB)

A man will be satisfied with **good by the words of his mouth**, and the work of a man's hands will reward him.

Proverbs 13:3 (HCSB)

The **one who guards his mouth protects his life**; the one who opens his lips invites his own ruin.

- **(MBC)** A wise man speaks wise words; this produces (the sense of fruit) good things both for himself and for those who heed him (like the wise son in v.
 - 1). Conversely, because a treacherous person (like the mocker in v. 1) craves violence, his words aim to hurt others while ultimately coming back to harm himself. For these reasons, a wise man guards his words carefully whereas the fool has a big mouth (v. 3). It really is a matter of life and death because rash words—be they hasty “promises, assertions, disclosures”—produce ruin, whether “financial, social, physical, spiritual” (Kidner, Proverbs, 101).

Proverbs 17:27-28 (HCSB)

²⁷ **The intelligent person restrains his words**, and one who keeps a cool head^[a] is a man of understanding. ²⁸ **Even a fool is considered wise when he keeps silent**, discerning when he seals his lips.

Psalms 141:3 (HCSB)

LORD, set up a guard for my mouth; keep watch at the door of my lips.

Psalms 39:1 (HCSB)

I said, “I will guard my ways so that I may not sin with my tongue; I will guard my mouth with a muzzle as long as the wicked are in my presence.”

Proverbs 26:18-19 (HCSB)

¹⁸ Like a madman who throws flaming darts and deadly arrows, ¹⁹ so is the man who deceives his neighbor and says, “I was only joking!”

Proverbs 6:16-19 (HCSB)

¹⁶ The LORD hates six things; in fact, seven are detestable to Him: ¹⁷ arrogant eyes, **a lying tongue**, hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ a heart that plots wicked schemes, feet eager to run to evil, ¹⁹ **a lying witness who gives false testimony**, and **one who stirs up trouble among brothers**.

Matthew 12:37 (HCSB)

³⁷ For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.”

1 Peter 3:10- (HCSB)

¹⁰ For the one who wants to love life and to see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit, ¹¹ and he must turn away from evil and do what is good. He must seek peace and pursue it,

- Words have the ability to build bridges,
- Word have the ability to burn bridges

The choice is yours when it comes to what kind of life you have here and now

Philippians 2:14 (HCSB)

Do everything without grumbling and arguing,

Psalms 19:14 (HCSB)

¹⁴ May the **words of my mouth** and the meditation of my heart **be acceptable** to You, LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.

James 1:26 (HCSB)

²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious **without controlling his tongue**, then his religion is useless and he deceives himself.

Luke 17:6 (HCSB)

⁶ **“If you have faith** the size of a mustard seed,” the Lord said, **“you can say** to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

Genesis 2:7 (HCSB)

⁷ Then the LORD God formed the man out of the dust from the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a **living being**.

- **“living being”** in that verse, you’ll find that they can be **literally rendered “speaking spirit.”**

Matthew 8:5-13 (HCSB)

⁵ When He entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, ⁶ “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible agony!” ⁷ “I will come and heal him,” He told him. ⁸ “Lord,” the centurion replied, “I am not worthy to have You come under my roof. But **only say the word**, and my servant will be cured. ⁹ For I too am a man under authority, having soldiers under my command.^[a] I say to this one, ‘Go!’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come!’ and he comes; and to my slave, ‘Do this!’ and he does it.” ¹⁰ **Hearing this, Jesus was amazed and said to those following Him**, “I assure you: I have not found anyone in Israel with so great a faith! ¹¹ I tell you that many will come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. ¹² But the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹³ Then Jesus told the centurion, “Go. As you have believed, let it be done for you.” And his servant was cured that very moment.^[b]

- He had faith that all he needed was a word

Psalms 107:20 (HCSB)

²⁰ He sent His word and healed them; He rescued them from the Pit.

IS WHAT I AM ABOUT TO SAY THE WISE THING TO SAY

IF NOT THEN "SHUTUP"