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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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SYMPTOMS OF UNHOLY SPEECH

PROVERBS 14:3 NKJV - (3) In the mouth of a fool is a rod of pride, But the lips of the wise will preserve them.

One day I delivered an Express mail envelope to an apartment. After scanning the envelope, I placed it in the customer's mailbox, noting the time at around 11:00 a. m. Later that day the customer called the post office and complained that she never received her envelope, using words neither professional nor godly. She contacted her parents who also called the Post Office and spoke with my supervisors to interrogate them. Supervision then contacted me, inquiring about the envelope. I simply stated the facts and told them that I put the envelope in the mailbox. This information was then relayed to the customer and her parents.

Three days later, I learn that they were not satisfied with that answer. The parents next step was to contact the Postmaster (the head of all post offices) and filed a complaint. The Postmaster reaches out to my supervisor and, again, I am contacted. I share with my supervisor the exact same story I gave earlier.... I placed the envelope in the mailbox. When I was contacted this time, I just happened to be at the apartments delivering mail. I looked in the mailbox and the envelope was still there. My supervisor came out to the apartments and saw the envelope, still in the mailbox. Throughout all of this, because I scanned the envelope, they were able to track the envelope and confirm that when it had been delivered...down to the minute. After seeing the envelope in the mailbox, the Supervisor reported their findings to the Postmaster.

The outcome follows.... The customer never checked her mailbox because she did not know where it was located, and, instead of admitting this, she lied to everyone. She directed ungodly language at everyone she spoke with, including me and the post office officials. The customer was a student, yet she and her parents displayed a lack of integrity. As a result, charges were filed against her for falsifying a report against the post office. Why? All because of "PRIDE!"

If you want to be blessed, and if you desire to walk in God's best, then you must make every effort to fill your lips with humility and Godly wisdom. Be assured that the power of death and life are in the tongue (**Proverbs 18:21**) and your words (what you say and how you say it) do matter. When your words are seasoned with humility and grace, you literally protect yourself from self-inflicted wounds, but when you allow pride to fill your lips, you open the door to destruction. Pride pleases Satan, humility (controlled confidence) pleases God.

The symptoms were there; see a Spiritual doctor should you find yourself suffering the same.

SCRIPTURE READING

PROVERBS 26:5

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

You don't change the message, let the message changes you.