

# The explosive mouth!

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**PSALM 141:3 NKJV - (3)** Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.

Alfred Nobel brought the world dynamite with the hopes that it would be used for clearing large rocks and other obstacles for the purpose of building roads and bridges. In a few short years, his invention became a tool of the military to be used against foreign enemies. To him, it was inconceivable that his dynamite would be used to destroy.

The Bible tells us that the tongue is a fire, which the devil constantly seeks to ignite into something that will destroy. One word wrongly spoken has often been the cause of broken friendships and family feuds. But this is not God's plan. That same fire can be used to edify and encourage people. When it comes to relationships, God wants us in the construction business, not the destruction business.

The goal of this message is to make people aware that through their words, people have the power to direct the course of their lives to damage lives or even to determine life itself. For this reason, we should choose what we say with care and build people up instead of tearing them down. Yes, we all have stumbled in how we've lived our lives, the utilizing of speech and no one is perfect. But we cannot use that as an excuse! We have the power through Christ to live in His image. Therefore, let us remember that.....

## **(1) YOUR MOUTH HAS THE POWER TO DIRECT THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.**

- A "perfect person" (spiritually mature) has bridled the tongue.
- We all have stumbled in how we've lived our lives, and no one is perfect.
- The "perfect person" has bridled the tongue, therefore he or she is able to bridle all the other stumbling blocks of life.
- Your Christianity is worthless if you can't control your tongue.

## **(2) YOUR MOUTH HAS THE POWER TO DO DAMAGE TO YOUR LIFE.**

- The damage done by the tongue is devastating. One single word can be like a spark that starts a fire.
- The tongue is able to do so much damage because it has the power of hell behind it.
- The tongue is more difficult to tame than taming wild animals.

## **(3) YOUR MOUTH HAS THE POWER TO DETERMINE LIFE.**

- Christians must start relating and thinking better.
- There is a difference between church programs and true spiritual revival.

**CONCLUSION:** The tongue holds the power of life itself. When God made the heavens and the earth, the trees and mountains, the fish and the animals, and even humanity itself, He did so by speaking simple words. As creatures fashioned in His image, we also possess life-giving speech.

**SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 15:4**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** We have two ears and one tongue so that we would listen more and talk less.

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