

S.O.H.L. (8/30/10)

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

Talking Loud And Saying Nothing !

During election time, I watch and listen to candidates make negative comments about other candidates they are running against. They practically have nothing positive to say. The name of the game is to find as much dirt on them so that the voter will think twice before he or she votes for them. If you do a deep investigation, you will discover that all have dirty laundry!

Unfortunately, it is the same way in our Father's church. We (the Christians), claiming to be followers of Christ, but living life speaking death on our fellow brothers and sisters. Negative power of the tongue

- 1) Brings death instead of life.
- 2) Brings gossip instead of truth.
- 3) Brings hurt instead of praise.
- 4) Brings division instead of unity.

The following scripture expounds on what God has to say about the tongue.

JAMES 3:1-10 NLT – (1) Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly. (2) Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way. (3) We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. (4) And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. (5) In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. (6) And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself. (7) People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, (8) but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. (9) Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. (10) And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!

The key to defeating talking to much or saying the wrong thing is learning how to listen much more. Remember this rule: The person, who will talk to you about someone else, will talk to someone else about you.

SCRIPTURE READING

PROVERBS 18:21

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Yield and humble yourselves unto the Lord and He will control your speech.

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