

GOD'S E.R.

FREED FROM ALL THINGS

Acts 13:39 and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things

Class 1 – Protecting Your Freedoms - Lesson Three

RIGHT SPEAKING

Matthew 12:34 - ... For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.

1. WHAT FILLS YOUR HEART WILL BE IN YOUR MOUTH

We talked about Matthew 12:34 when studying *Right Thinking*, that our “heart” (our mind, will and emotions) is moved by what we are thinking, consciously or subconsciously, and then we speak. Whatever we fill our “heart” with, that is what will come out of our mouth.

Unfortunately, many people receive their concept of how to live in the world by TV, sit-coms, movies, and talk shows. 1 Timothy 5:13 tells us the results of this type of thinking:

At the same time they also learn to be idle, as they go around from house to house; and not merely idle, but also gossips and busybodies, talking about things not proper to mention.

However, the Word of the Lord has a different standard for our speech:

Eph 4:25 NKJ - Therefore, putting away lying, Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.

James 1:19 - My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

Have you ever heard the phrase “hurting people hurt people?” That is because they are allowing something to gnaw away at them inside. This is sometimes referred to as “ruminating” on a problem – thinking about it over and over. When this happens, and something “pushes their button” they explode, or say something cutting or hurtful to another person.

Matthew 12:36 - But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.

So how do we make sure that our speech is pleasing to the Lord?

2. PURIFYING OUR HEARTS

First of all, forgiveness must be in constant operation in our lives to maintain a clean heart. When we walk in forgiveness, the Love of God can operate in our lives.

Here is a reference in Ephesians that tells us how Jesus is cleansing His Bride (those of us who belong to Christ – having been “born again”):

Eph 5:26 - to make her holy, cleansing her (as) by the washing with water through the Word, 27 and to present her to Himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

The purification process in our lives only occurs through *using* the Word. Nothing of this world can purify us, only the Word of God. How do we “use” the Word? By *speaking* the Word over ourselves. We must allow it to “wash” us – this means remove the “dirt” of our erroneous beliefs and replace them with the truth of the Word. This is the *purification process* in the Christian’s life.

God created the World by *speaking* it into existence. We create new patterns of belief in the same way, by *speaking* the Word over ourselves.

3. **ELEMENTS OF PURITY IN THE CHRISTIAN WALK:**

There are three elements of purity as relates to our Christian Walk, our Relationship to Others, and our Heart Motives before the Lord contain the following:

1. Love that is without deceit;
2. A Good conscience;
3. A Sincere Faith.

I Tim 1: 3-5 - ... so that you may instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines, 4 nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation rather than furthering the administration of God which is by faith. 5 But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

- a. Love of God: When we love people with the love of God which he has given us, and this, together with walking in forgiveness toward others, results in a pure heart and speech that is uplifting to others and pleasing to the Lord.

I John 4:19 - We love, because He first loved us.

- b. A Clear Conscience: Although we can see (determine, judge) when there is sin in someone’s life, and we are instructed to help them get out of it (James 5:20), we must maintain our hearts in a proper attitude (good conscience) before the Lord.

1 Peter 3:10 NKJ - For He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit.

Remember when Jesus was hanging on the cross, He said to the Father, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.” Do you think that they didn’t know they were nailing spikes in His

hands and feet? Do you think that they didn't know they were killing Him? Yes, they knew they were doing these things, but they did not know what they were doing spiritually. They did not really comprehend the consequences of their actions. They did not know that left in their sin, they were condemning themselves to death. They did not understand the horrendous emotional pain they were inflicting on Jesus and others. Therefore, Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." This is how we maintain a clear conscience, walking in forgiveness of ourselves and others just as Jesus did, and not judging the state of a brother or sister in Christ as pertains to their walk with the Lord. Jesus was reviled more than any other human, and yet He never sinned.

- c. **Faith:** Faith is exercising total belief in the Words of God, trusting Him in all circumstances with total confidence in the outcome of your request, knowing it is in His hands and that His heart for you is only good continually. Faith results in Peace!

Luke 7:50 - And He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

4. **WALKING IN THE JOY-FILLED LIFE**

Col 4:6 - Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

You will learn or have learned about cognitive affective dissonance - where what we feel or think is opposite to what is right and true. What do we do then? We speak what is right and pleasing to the Lord, and *afterward* right feelings and emotions will come. God will always give us His Peace when we are doing what is pleasing to Him.

We read **1 Pet 3:10** earlier, but to continue that Scripture, verse 11 states:

11 He must turn from evil and do good; he must *seek peace and pursue it*.

Our speech must conform to the Word of God, what is pleasing to God, and what is helpful to our brothers and sisters in Christ – and all must be done from a pure heart.

2 Cor 12:19 GNT - ... We speak as Christ would have us speak in the presence of God, *and everything we do, dear friends, is done to help you.*

Heb 8:10 NLT - But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel on that day, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their minds so they will understand them, and I will write them on their hearts so they will obey them. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

The Lord has written his Word on our hearts and minds, the only thing we have to do to activate it is to *speak* it! The Lord says:

Jeremiah 1:12 “ ..., for I am watching over My word to perform it.”

The Word has taught us, everything you say is a seed, for good or bad. It will produce after its kind.

Eph 4:29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

Matt 12: 37 For by your words you will be *justified*, and by your words you will be condemned.

Proverbs 18:20 With the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach will be satisfied; He will be satisfied with the product of his lips.

Psalms 17:3-4 ... I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress. **4** As for the deeds of men, by the word of Your lips I have kept from the paths of the destroyer. **5** My steps have held fast to Your paths. My feet have not slipped.

Even as the Lord God has given us His Word to keep us on the path of righteousness, He has also given to us multitudes of Heavenly Angels to assist us and war right with us against any demonic forces that would try to stumble us! Look at what the Word says the Holy Angels do for us:

Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation ?

Psalms 103:20 Bless the LORD, you His angels, Mighty in strength, who perform His word, Obeying the voice of His word !

Psalms 91:11 For He will give His angels charge concerning you, To guard you in all your ways. **12** They will bear you up in their hands, That you do not strike your foot against a stone.

Recently, the stories of two suicides in Oklahoma came to my attention. A friend of the deceased was quoted as saying, “*I want to take on that spirit that did this to my friend!*” Very soon thereafter, she began having thoughts to kill herself and her two children. It was very strong, so strong she could hardly ignore the voice in her head. She was frightened and appalled that this was now happening to her! Then she heard the voice say, “*You asked for me!*” Thankfully, this woman is a Christian and knew the blood of Jesus would protect her. For one entire week, every single day, she rebuked the demon and put the blood line around herself and her children. The demon then left.

The Scriptures say, “My people perish for lack of knowledge.” This young lady lacked knowledge in understanding how the spiritual realm operates. She almost lost her life and that of her children because of it. When you specifically invite a demon to operate in your life, he is going to be there in a hot second!

Many people invite the demonic when they don't even realize what they are doing. Statements such as, "I'll always be poor" invites a demon of poverty. Making statements over your children such as, "he's a little devil" or "he is a wild one" opens the door to demons of antichrist and rebellion, among others. Saying, "I'm afraid" allows demons of fear, in whatever area you just claimed, to attach to your life.

Why is this so? Because demons, being fallen angels, have the very same makeup as the Angelic Hosts of Heaven – except now their god is satan instead of the Lord Jesus. So when satan's words are spoken, words of death, defeat, murder, thievery, etc., the angels jump to those words to perform them! Watch your words!!!!!! Only speak words of life! Remember,

Ephesians 6:12 For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens.

Psalm 91:14 "Because he has loved Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him securely on high, because he has known My name. 15 "He will call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble ; I will rescue him and honor him.16"With a long life I will satisfy him And let him see My salvation."

Next week we will study “Choices” - how to choose to believe and act on the Word of God and watch Him transform your life!