Watch Your Mouth!

Responsive Reading - James 3

- Proverbs 18:21 Death & Life is in the power of the tongue, which then shows we have a responsibility to be aware that what we say into our & others lives is under our control--how careless are we with those words?
- Matthew 12:36-37 Hmmm, the words we speak will be recorded & we will give account in our day of judgment. They will be read in God's court & will be our justification or our condemnation.
- *Genesis 1:3-5* All of creation was spoken into existence, but we were made by His hands! We were made in the likeness & image of God.
- Genesis 3:1 Watch out for the words of the enemy! He is a deceiver & will use the power of words to hurt us, to manipulate us, & to lead us down the wrong emotional &/or spiritual path. The enemy hates God & delights in hurting His image & convincing us we have no power when using God's words... Words can hurt us, & the enemy knows it well...
- John 1:1-5 Jesus Himself is The Word. The importance of the Word, Who is Jesus Christ, is above all things & is the foundation & beginning of both His earthly ministry & the creation itself!!
- Mark 1:38 Ministry by words to cause people to know and change; Jesus came here to do Words
- Luke 4:18-19 Preach! We are to us His words to command our actions to reflect His.
- Mark 4:39 His words calmed the tempest & commanded the waves to be calm.

Words transcend the temporal world in which we live. They are spiritual, eternal, & powerful. John 11:41-43 By His words, He called Lazarus back to life!

Made in His likeness & image, we are joint heirs with Him.

He was the template; we are the production! We should walk in His spirit, & speak His words in His timing! 1st Peter 5:7 He cares about even our little stuff!

- 2nd Timothy 1:7 Power, love, & a sound mind; Use His words to encourage & remove fear. Pray & fast His words over others & ourselves. He cares, He loves, & He has power. Pray to, talk to Him! Then listen, closely, & just to Him. Dump those wrong, defeating thoughts & fears.
- 1st Thes 5:16-18 Repeat to ourselves what He says about us, over & over ~ this will help you be an Overcomer! Be strong! How? Rejoice, pray, give thanks, recognize that He is our strength! The key is to walk in the truth of His word, not ours, His. Replace our thoughts with His! Speak life!

 Words have consequences...
- Proverbs 16:28 be careful of the words you speak & pay attention to the way OTHERS are talking; their character may be showing the wise person understands he or she may be the next "focus piece".
- *Proverbs 12:18* piercing words cause deep penetrating wounds & do NOT bring health; only words of kindness & wisdom brings health. Remember, God is a God of words!
- Proverbs 17:4 Be careful to whom you speak and what you say, and be discerning as to who is listening and why...
- Ezekiel 37:1-10 the valley of dry bones became a living breathing army of God's design! Know this, His hand is on us & will revive our own dry bones back to life & health.

Speak Words of Life Over Yourself Every Day & Watch Those Dry Areas in You Come to LIFE!!

Closing hymn: Wonderful Words of Life, page 133

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