

CALLING THINGS THAT BE NOT AS THOUGH THEY ARE

The Significance Of What You Say

- I. **Your words, what you say, what you call things in your life, this is a significant matter, this a weighty thing-**
Pr18:21-KJ-Death (ruin, pestilence, destroy, perish) and life (strong, whole, live prosperously) are in the power (hand) of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof (W1828-that which is produced); CEV-Words can bring death or life! Talk too much, and you will eat everything you say; AC-Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life]; ERV-The tongue can speak words that bring life or death; NCV-What you say can mean life or death. Those who speak with care will be rewarded [eat its fruit]; GNT-What you say can preserve life or destroy it; so you must accept the consequences of your words; TP-Your words are so powerful that they will kill or give life, and the talkative person will reap the consequences; TLV-Death and life are in the control of the tongue
- A. Does it matter what you say? How much does it matter?-It's a matter of life and death
- B. Words don't do nothing, but rather they produce, they bring forth, they accomplish-Pr18:21-Shall eat the fruit thereof; Is55:11-It (My word) shall not return unto me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please
- C. Life and death are forces-Life is a force that works to revive, strengthen and prosper while death is a force that works to weaken, decay and destroy-*Hb2:15-The power of death; 2Cor4:12-Death works in us, but life in you;*
- The releasing of these forces is in the control of the tongue-Words put these forces to work and they produce-*Pr10:11-The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life; Pr15:4-A wholesome tongue is tree of life;*
 - The Words you speak can put life or death to work in every area of your life
- D. Words have consequences-Pr18:20-GW-You will have to live with the consequences of everything you say
- E. It's spiritually lazy and dishonest to pretend like what you say is not a significant matter
- II. **Anything God emphasizes and says is important the enemy will belittle and say it's not a big deal**
- A. Eating of the tree was a matter of life and death and the enemy downplayed the importance and impact of eating of the tree to get her to eat of it-What you say is a life and death matter and the enemy will down play the importance and impact of your words-*Gn3:4-You shall not surely die*
- B. There's a strong push by the enemy get people to belittle the importance of what they say-He wants you to think Oh this is silly, words don't really matter, what you say isn't going to affect anything in your life
- C. He wants to down play the significance of what you say, so that you'll just say anything-He tells you words don't matter and then tries to get you to speak things because he knows it does matter-*Lk20:20,Mt12:37*
- D. God cares what you say?-Pr8:13-The froward mouth do I hate; Pr4:24-Put away from thee a froward (turned aside, distorted from right) mouth, and perverse (deviation) lips put far from thee; Pr10:20-The tongue of the just is a choice silver; AMP-The tongue of the righteous is like precious silver (greatly valued); Pr16:13-Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaks right
- E. He doesn't want you to realize that your words are a major component in your victory-2Th2:8-Whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth; Rev19:15-Out of his mouth goes a sharp sword; 12:11-They overcome him by the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony
- III. **The Lord warns us about being duped into thinking that words are insignificant-Js3:2-For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body; (TP-Yet if we are able to bridle the words we say we are powerful enough to control ourselves in every way, and that means our character is mature and full developed); 3 Behold (look at, direct mind to), we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. 4 Behold also the ships, which though they be so great (large), and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. 5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! (TP-And so the tongue is a small part of the body yet it carries great power; ER-It is a small part of the body, but it can boast about doing great things. A big forest fire can be started with only a little flame) 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course (circuit of physical effects) of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.**
- A. We have to get past the seeming insignificance of our words, of what we say
- Tiny seemingly insignificant things are controlling big things-Small bit, small rudder, tiny spark-Even so the tongue

2. The tongue/words, although they appear insignificant they are powerful beyond measure-MSG-A word out of your mouth may seem of no account, but it can accomplish nearly anything or destroy it

B. Why tells us this?-There's a temptation to think what we say doesn't really matter and won't have any affect in our lives-There's spiritual influences at work trying to get you to think words don't really matter

IV. What you say matters and it matters a lot, but it's not the only thing that matters

A. What you believe matters, what you do matters-Not just what you say

B. The mistake some have made is they act like what they say is the only thing that matters-If your words aren't right, you'll never get it right, but if you only have the words right (perfected the rhetoric) and have nothing else you won't get it right