

CALLING THINGS THAT BE NOT AS THOUGH THEY ARE

Your Words Affect Your Life

Foundation: *If we are going to call things that be not as though they were we have to cultivate belief that words matter and have affect*

- I. **How far reaching is the effect of our words? Are words powerful in the sense of advice, conversation, encouragement or does the power of words go beyond that and affect what we experience in our lives? – You have to decide what you believe about the power of your words**
- A. Many don't acknowledge the full power of words, but acknowledge words have some affect-They believe with our words we give advice, encourage, have good conversation; Our words can hurt people, our big mouths can get us in trouble; But calling things that be not as though they were, speaking to the mountain, having what you say they do not believe
- B. You can water down the power of your words and acknowledge words have some of affect, but not acknowledge the full power of our words-There is great dichotomy about the power of words in these translations
1. You'll eat everything you say vs. good conversation, wise advice-Pr18:20-KJ-A man's belly (bosom-desire, belly-whole man) shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase (produce, income) of his lips shall he be filled; **GW**-You will have to live with the consequences of everything you say; **ICB**-What you say affects how you live-**VS-TL**-Ability to give wise advice satisfies like a good meal; **TP**-Sharing words of wisdom is satisfying to your inner being; **VO**-Good words satisfy like a fine meal; yes, good conversations are sure to satisfy-**YL**-From the fruit of a man's mouth is his belly satisfied, from the increase of his lips he is satisfied
 2. You'll eat what your mouth produces vs. conversation, kind words-Pr13:2-A man shall eat (consume) good by the fruit (produce) of his mouth; **CS**-From the fruit of his mouth, a person will enjoy good things-**VS-MS**-The good acquire a taste for helpful conversation; **CE**-You will be rewarded for saying something kind; **TL**-The good man wins his case by careful argument; the evil minded only wants to fight; **TP**-The words of the wise are kind and easy to swallow-**YL**-From the fruit of the mouth a man eats good
 3. You'll have what your mouth produces vs. telling the truth-Pr12:14-KJ-A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth-**VS-TL**-Telling the truth gives a man great satisfaction-**YL**-From the fruit of the mouth is one satisfied with good
- II. **Your words, what you say has everything to do with the life you live, enjoy and experience**
- A. It's apparent that what you say affects your life-What do your words have to do with your life?-Everything-**Pr13:3**-He that keeps his mouth keeps his life: but he that opens wide his lips shall have destruction; **TP**-Guard your words and you'll guard your life, but if you don't control your tongue, it will ruin everything
- B. You will eat the fruit of what you say-Pr18:20-KJ-A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase (income, produce) of his lips shall he be filled; 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof; **CEV**-Make your words good-you will be glad you did...21 You will eat everything you say; **ICB**-What you say affects how you live; **GNT**-You will have to live with the consequences of everything you say
- C. You will have whatever you believe and speak-Mk11:23-For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shalt not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he says shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he says
- D. To live good, keep your mouth from bad-Ps34:12-What man is he that desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; and seek peace, and pursue it; **ER**-Do you want to enjoy life? **TL**-Do you want a long good life? **NL**-Does anyone want to live a life that is long and prosperous
1. In desiring a good life keeping our tongue was the first thing we are told to do-He could've said a lot of things first
 2. Your words are not the only thing that affects your life, but they are a major thing-It's not the only thing that matters
- E. Words reach far, affecting every area of life-Js3:6-And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, it defiles the whole body and sets on fire the course (circuit of physical effects) of nature; **ER**-Starts a fire that influences all of life; **TL**-Can turn our whole lives into a blazing flame of destruction and disaster
1. If words can influence all of our lives in a negative way, then they can in a positive way
- F. If you believe the Bible, then you believe your words affect your life