

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUR WORDS
The Significance Of What You Say

- I. Words appear to be insignificant, but they are critical-*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. ³Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. ⁴Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. ⁵Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.
- A. God compares our tongues to a bit, a rudder, a spark, things that appear small and insignificant but control big things-These appear insignificant-even so the tongue-Words appear insignificant in affecting my life
- B. Our words affect our whole body and every area of our lives-*Js3:6-AMP*-Contaminates the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life [the cycle of man's existence]-*CEV*-Dirtyes the rest of the body and sets a person's entire life on fire-*CJ*-It defiles every part of it, setting ablaze the whole of our life-*CSB*-It stains the whole body, sets the course of life on fire-*ER*-It spreads its evil through our whole body and starts a fire that influences all of life-*GNB*-Spreading evil through our whole being. It sets on fire the entire course of our existence-*TL*-Poisons every part of the body...can turn our whole lives into a blazing flame of destruction and disaster.
- C. There is a temptation to think words are small and insignificant-*Js3:5-TP*-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-*MSG*-A word out of your mouth may seem of no account, but it can accomplish nearly anything or destroy it
- D. Nothing insignificant about words-Where the bit goes the horse goes, where the rudder goes the ship goes and where your words go, you/your life goes
- II. Anything God says is important the enemy minimizes-*Gn2:17***-Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eat thereof thou shalt surely die-*Gn3:4*-The serpent said unto the woman Ye shall not surely die:
- A. God said what you say is life and death and the enemy tries to get you to believe the opposite (that's silly, they're just words, what you say won't affect anything)-Spiritual influences work to get you to think this way-*Pr18:21*-Death and life are in the power of the tongue
- B. If you believe words don't matter you'll say anything-Speak words that hurt you-*Pr15:2*-The mouth of the fools pours out foolishness-*18:7*-A fool's mouth is his destruction
- C. If you believe words don't matter you won't use your words for your good-Jesus used his words against the devil, stop a storm, cleanse leper, rebuke a fever, open ears; Blood woman, David, 3 Hebrews; Life's in tongue
- III. In your life what you say carries more weight than what God says-*Gn15:8***-Unto your seed I have given this land-*Ex23:23*-For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off; ²⁸And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee. ³⁰...until thou be increased, and inherit the land-*Nm13:28*-Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.²⁹The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.³⁰And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.³¹But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we-*Nm14:28*-As truly as I live, saith the Lord, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you