

PEACE & JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST

Sweet or Bitter?

- I. **How peaceable you are affects your peace and joy-Js3:7-For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: ⁸But THE TONGUE can no man tame; it is an unruly [unrestrained] evil, full of deadly [Pr18:21] poison. ⁹Therewith bless [speak well of] we God, even the Father; and therewith CURSE we men, which are made after the similitude of God. ¹⁰Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things OUGHT NOT SO TO BE. ¹¹Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet [W18-Mild, soft, gentle, kind] water and bitter [sharp, harsh, cruel]? ¹²Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt [bitter] water and fresh [sweet]. ¹³Who is a wise [spiritually enlightened] man and endued with knowledge [intelligent] among you? let him SHEW out of a good conversation [manner of life] his works WITH meekness [mild, humble, gentle] of wisdom. ¹⁴But if ye have bitter [sharp, harsh, cruel] envying [heat, indignation, wrath] and strife [contention, quarrel, irritate] IN YOUR HEARTS, glory not, and lie not against the truth. ¹⁵This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly [worldly], sensual [natural], devilish. ¹⁶For where envying and strife is, there is confusion [instability, commotion, agitation, disturbance] and every evil work. ¹⁷But the wisdom that is from above is first pure [clean, modest-not arrogant], then peaceable [ST-Pacific-Peace-making, calm, tranquil, W18-Free from feuds, quiet, undisturbed, unagitated], gentle [moderation], and easy to be intreated, full of mercy [compassion, tender, kind] and good fruits, without partiality [judging], and without hypocrisy. ¹⁸And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace**
- A. v7-9-The topic here is the tongue-What you say
- B. v9-Curse-1.Speak evil of-Js4:11 2.Doom-Judge 3.Execrate-Abhor-Despise
- C. v10-If we speak well of God, we shouldn't speak evil of men-Tit3:2-Speak evil [judge, despise, faultfind, insult, curse] of NO MAN, to be no brawlers [peaceable, contentious, quarrelsome, strife] but gentle [moderation, mild, calm, not rough/harsh, not agitated] shewing all meekness [humility, gentleness] UNTO ALL MEN
- D. v11-12-Sweet words and bitter words-There's biting, judging, despising, harsh language; There's humble, gentle, kind language-Ps119:103; Ps64:3
- E. v13-If you know, show, with meekness-We judge/despise others because we think we know so much and many try to show what they know by judging and despising-ER-Are there any among you who are really wise and understanding? Then you should show your wisdom by living right. You should do what is good with humility-TP-If you consider yourself to be wise and one who understands the ways of God, advertise it with a beautiful, fruitful life guided by wisdom's gentleness
- F. v13-Wise people are meek people-The harsher, rougher, more contentious (judging and despising) you are, the more of a fool you are
- G. v14-Bitter, envying, strife can get in you and if it does peace and joy is gone-Being proud of it and lying about it will keep you from getting rid of it
- H. v15-This wisdom is worldly and devilish and not from above-Rm14:17
- I. v16-Where envying and strife is there is confusion (no peace/joy)-There also is every evil work because this stuff gives place to the devil
- J. v17-Wisdom above-Pure, peaceable, gentle, full of mercy, doesn't judge
- K. v18-Righteousness comes out peace-Js1:20-Wrath of man worketh not...righteousness

L. When you yield to harsh, bitter, judging and despising talk you feed angst, sorrow, fear, torment, peacelessness, joylessness into you-What you yield to and give place to you get full of

1. By speaking evil of others you poison yourself-Pr16:24-
Pleasant words are as an honeycomb sweet to the soul and health to the bones
2. We must cut off the flow that is feeding this angst into us-Can't live in a swell of angst and taste of His peace and joy-Js1:19-
Be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath [bitter, strife, indignation]