

THE POWER OF THE TONGUE PART II
“YOUR HEART AND YOUR MOUTH”
PROVERBS 26 AND MATTHEW 12:33-37
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INTRODUCTION

- Everything that God created was done by speaking.
- Our words carry weight.
- Proverbs 18:21 NLT - The tongue can bring death or life.

I. OUR HEART IS TIED TO OUR MOUTH

- Matthew 12:36-37, “But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the Day of Judgment. ³⁷“For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”
- Vs. 33 - The heart is the tree and fruit is your mouth.
- Verse 34 - My heart and my words are connected.
- Careless = argos, an ineffective, useless word... a word that does no good
- Vs. 25 - Jesus who knows our very thoughts insists that our words reveal our thoughts.

II. WHAT DO I DO WITH MY MOUTH?

- Guard it.
- Psalm 141:3, “Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips.”
- The Holy Spirit needs time to deal with your heart so He asks you not to speak so He can work in your heart...

- Psalm 39:1, I said, “I will guard my ways that I may not sin with my tongue; I will guard my mouth as with a muzzle...”
- We are a sarcastic generation. Sarcasm is deadly.
- Sarcasm hurts.
- People that are sarcastic hid behind their sarcasm.
- Sarcasm from Greek word sarx = means flesh
- Romans 7:14-19 - Paul’s description of the flesh.
- Guard your mouth because it can deeply wound others.

III. GET TO THE ROOT IN YOUR HEART

- If your heart is the tree and the fruit is your mouth then fix it by getting to the root of that tree.
- Proverbs 26:18-19 NLT, Just as damaging as a madman shooting a deadly weapon is someone who lies to a friend and then says, “I was only joking.”
- Often our mouth is a deadly weapon!
- I had a problem with my heart and it came out of my mouth.
- Allow the Holy Spirit to deal with the root of that tree.
- Your words can give life or bring death. They can encourage or discourage.
- Depending on what is in your heart.
- Words can hurt or heal.

CLOSE

- Change now so you can make a difference.
- Bad words wound, but good words heal.