

A GODLY TONGUE



Faith Apostolic Church of Christ

THE GIFT OF THE TONGUE

- ◉ Speech (The tongue) is an awesome gift from God. However, we so often take the wonderful gift of speech for granted and abuse an ability that ought to be guarded and used to the glory and praise of God.
- ◉ Our tongue can be used to do good, and it also can be used to do evil; but only God can help us use our tongue to do good.
- ◉ “Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.”
(Proverbs 18:21)

CHOOSE LIFE!!!

THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

- The power of speech is one of the greatest powers God has given mankind. With the tongue, man can praise God, pray, preach the Word, and lead the lost to Christ. What a privilege!
- “The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth.” (Proverbs 10:20)
- “A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.” (Proverbs 15:4)
- “Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing.” (James 3:10)

THE BLESSINGS OF THE TONGUE

- The blessings of a godly tongue, when used for good, is compared to:
- Valuable silver (Proverbs 10:20)
- A beautiful and fruitful tree of life (Proverbs 15:4; see 12:14 and 18:20)
- A refreshing well of water (Proverbs 18:4; 10:11)
- A healthy dose of medicine (Proverbs 12:18)
- Sweetness to the soul, healing for the bones (Proverbs 16:24)
- A fountain of sweet water (James 3:11)

THE BLESSINGS OF THE TONGUE

- ◉ The tongue should always be used for right purposes:
- ◉ Bringing peace (Proverbs 15:1, 26); Giving wise counsel to the erring (Proverbs 25:12); Delivering lost souls from death (Proverbs 11:9); Teaching people the way of the Lord (Proverbs 15:7; Acts 19:1-7); and Carrying the good news of the Gospel (Proverbs 25:25, Matthew 28:7-8).
- ◉ Never underestimate the guidance and encouragement you can give by the words you speak or do not speak.
- ◉ Jesus spoke to a woman at a well, and her life and the lives of her neighbors experienced a miraculous change (John 4:5-42).
- ◉ Peter preached at Pentecost and three thousand souls came to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ (Acts 2:14-41).

THE SINS OF THE TONGUE

- ◉ If the Saint of God doesn't yield to the Holy Ghost and the Word of God to control their tongue, then Satan and the flesh will take over the tongue, and the results are always bad. Perhaps if we consider some of the sins of the tongue, it might encourage us to use our gift of speech more carefully.
- ◉ As Saints, we must refrain our tongue from: Lying, tale bearing (gossiping), filthy/corrupt speech, cursing, backbiting, flattery, boasting, worldly sayings/slang, racial slurs, joking/jesting, judgmental words, critical words, mean words, arrogance/pride, argumentative, sarcasm, talking too much, talking too soon..... and the list goes on!!

Lord, help me to: “Get it right the first time!”

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TONGUE

- “**Keep** thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.” (Psalm 34:13)
- “Whoso **keepeth** his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.” (Proverbs 21:23)
- “If any man among you seem to be religious, and **bridleth** not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man’s religion is vain.” (James 1:26)
- “For he that will love life, and see good days, let him **refrain** his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:” (1 Peter 3:10)

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TONGUE

- ◉ The power of speech is a privilege. However, with this privilege comes responsibility, and responsibility brings accountability.
- ◉ Do not be **Careless** with your words - not giving sufficient attention or thought to avoid errors or harming others.
- ◉ Do not be **Reckless** with your words - not thinking or caring about the consequences of an action.
- ◉ Do not be **Irresponsible** with your words - not caring about what might result from actions taken.
- ◉ The tongue is equivalent to the texting, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, etc.

BEFORE PRESSING SEND, the Saint of God must consider how your words will affect others!