Guarding Your Mouth

Walking WORTHY part 3, Philippians 2:14-18... Chris Mueller 2016

Introduction:

James 3:2, "For we all stumble in many ways, If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well."

14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing

Psalm 141:3, "Set a quard, O Lord, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips." Proverbs 10:19, "When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, But he who restrains his lips is wise." Psalm 39:1, "I will guard my ways that I may not sin with my tongue, I will guard my mouth as with a muzzle."

1st Your WORDS are a _____ of your heart

Matthew 12:34b, "For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart."

2nd Your WORDS are

to you and to others

James 3:6, "And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell."

Luke 12:3, "Whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in the inner rooms shall be proclaimed upon the housetops."

Proverbs 10:31, "The mouth of the righteous flows with wisdom, But the perverted tongue will be cut out."

Matthew 12:36, "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."

Ephesians 4:29, "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you."

3rd Your WORDS are

Exodus 14:10, "As Pharaoh drew near, the sons of Israel looked, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they became very frightened; so the sons of Israel cried out to the Lord. 11 Then they said to Moses, 'Is it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you dealt with us in this way, bringing us out of Egypt?"

1 Corinthians 10:10, "Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer."

4th Your WORDS are

in hiding your sin and rebellion

Proverbs 26:20-25, "For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, contention quiets down. Like charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire, so is a contentious man to kindle strife. The words of a whisperer are like dainty morsels, and they go down into the innermost parts of the body. Like an earthen vessel overlaid with silver dross, are burning lips and a wicked heart. He who hates disquises it with his lips, but he lays up deceit in his heart. When he speaks graciously, do not believe him, for there are seven abominations in his heart."

27, "Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel."

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14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing

Grumbling=

Luke 5:30, "began grumbling at [Jesus'] disciples, saying, Why do you eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners?"

Disputing = Romans 14:1, 1 Timothy 2:8

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1ST Verse 13 Complaining maligns the of God Philippians 2:13, "for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure."

God does as He pleases, only as He pleases and always as He pleases

Lamentations 3:39, "Why should any living mortal, or any man, offer complaint in light of his sins? 40 Let us examine and probe our ways, and let us return to the Lord."

Psalm 115:3, "But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases."

2ND Verse 15 Complaining maligns our _____ in the World Philippians 2:15, "so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world."

TO GUARDING YOUR MOUTH #3 THE R

The first response is to

Psalm 32:5, "I acknowledged my sin to Thee and my iniquity. I did not hide. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord'." 2 Corinthians 7:10-11 "For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces repentance without regret. "For behold, what earnestness this very thing, this godly sorrow has produced in you: what vindication of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what avenging of wrong. In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter."

of your words

The second response is to use your words to

1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

Proverbs 25:11, "Like apples of gold in settings of silver Is a word spoken in right circumstances." Proverbs 15:23, "A man has joy in an apt answer, And how delightful is a timely word!" Ephesians 4:29, "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear."

The third response is to use your words to the lost

Romans 10:14, "How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? 15 How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!'"

John 14:6, "Jesus said ..., 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.'"

The fourth response is to use your words to

Romans 10:9, "that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."

QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS--BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD

1-Why did Paul instruct the Philippians to not grumble and complain in chapter two in this context?

2-Why is the tongue so hard to tame? Why is it the last area to be brought under submission to Christ? 3-Why are your words so dangerous and why are your words so damaging?

4-Give as many personal examples of grumbling and disputing as you can. How do Christians sin this way?

5-What clear steps can you take in order to put a guard over your mouth and see some permanent change?

6-How can our words be a greater witness in the world to the gospel of Jesus Christ?

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