

Repentance 4: Conversation

Pro 18:21 Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Amp. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it; for death or for life."

Mat 12:33 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by *his* fruit.

Mat 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

Mat 12:35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

Mat 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

Mat 12:37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Repentance must be a continual operation! We must keep ourselves on guard not to allow ourselves to go back to our sinful ways.

That is why Jesus said in Mat 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.

- If there is ever a guard we must keep, it is that of our mouth! The carnal man delights in juicy gossip, whether true or false. In fact, the carnal man delights in running his mouth....period!
- Do we realize what power we have in our tongue? With our tongue, we can either speak victory and faith or we can speak defeat and doubt. Listen to what James says about the tongue....

Jas 3:1 My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

Jas 3:2 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.**

Jas 3:3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

Jas 3:4 Behold 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.

Jas 3:5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

Jas 3:6 And 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.

Amplified- “**And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is a world of wickedness set among our members, contaminating and depraving the whole body and setting on fire the wheel of birth, the cycle of man’s nature being itself ignited by hell.**”

Jas 3:7 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:

Jas 3:8 But the tongue can no man tame; *it is* an unruly evil, **full of deadly poison**.

Jas 3:9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

Jas 3:10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

Jas 3:11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet *water* and bitter?

Jas 3:12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so *can* no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

Jas 3:13 **Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you?** let him shew out of **a good conversation** his works with meekness of wisdom.

Jas 3:14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

Jas 3:15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish.

Jas 3:16 For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work.

Jas 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

Jas 3:18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

God commanded His people not to be tale-bearers!

Lev 19:16 Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I *am* the LORD.

Lev 19:17 Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.

Lev 19:18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I *am* the LORD.

Gossip, slander, tale-bearing, revealing secrets, and backbiting are all works of the flesh and are very dangerous. They are dangerous to those that do it, those that hear it and to the body as a whole.

What is gossip?

One who runs from house to house, tattling and telling news; an idle tattler. Mere tattle; idle talk.

To **PRATE**, n. Continued talk to little purpose; trifling talk; To utter foolishly. To talk much and without weight, or to little purpose; to talk much, to run about and tattle; to tell idle tales.

Scriptures on gossip, talebearing, etc...

Pro 11:13 A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

There must be boundaries in our lives. Just because we are a family, does not give us the right to reveal secrets we might know about another. This includes our own family! Here's why:

Pro 18:8 The words of a talebearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

When one tells another something that is not their business, it weighs down their spirit. In fact, it hurts their spirit. You can view a gossip as one with a bow and arrow shooting people and wounding them as they talk!

Tale-bearing causes strife! Sometimes it causes strife amongst family members, saints and sometimes it causes strife between a saint and their pastor! How dangerous!!!

Pro 26:20 Where no wood is, *there* the fire goeth out: so where *there is* no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

How do we deal with someone that can't get a hold of themselves to stop telling everything they know?

Pro 20:19 He that goeth about *as* a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

BTW while we are this close, check out this next verse:

Pro 20:20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

A whisperer is a slanderer. That is a person that slanders another's reputation by telling things about them!

Pro 16:28 A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends. **Talk about disunity in the body!!!!!!**

Pro 10:18 He that hideth hatred *with* lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, *is* a fool. (To be a friend to one's face but to gossip behind his back)

Pro 10:19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin (there is sin) but he that **refraineth his lips is wise.**

Pro 10:20 The **tongue of the just is as choice silver:** the heart of the wicked is little worth.

Pro 10:21 The **lips of the righteous feed many:** but fools die for want of wisdom.

Pro 10:22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

Pro 11:9 An hypocrite with *his* mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

- If we are to love our neighbor, then we better keep our mouth shut!

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Eph 2:1 And you *hath* he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Eph 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Conversation is the same as behavior. It comes from the same word in translation. In other words, our talk is equal to our walk!

Eph 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

Eph 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

Eph 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Eph 4:25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

Php 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

Php 3:18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ:

Php 3:19 Whose end *is* destruction, whose God *is their* belly, and whose glory *is* in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

Php 3:20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Php 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Jas 3:13 Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

1Pe 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

1Pe 1:14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

1Pe 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

1Pe 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

1Pe 1:17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning *here* in fear:

1Pe 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

1Pe 2:12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by *your* good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

1Pe 3:1 Likewise, ye wives, *be* in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

1Pe 3:2 While they behold your chaste conversation *coupled* with fear.

1Pe 3:3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward *adorning* of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

1Pe 3:4 But *let it be* the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament* of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

2Pe 3:11 *Seeing* then *that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness,

2Pe 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Pro 13:2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of *his* mouth: but the soul of the transgressors *shall eat* violence.

Pro 13:3 He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: *but* he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

Pro 21:23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

Jas 1:26 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.

1Pe 3:10 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:

1Pe 3:11 Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

1Pe 3:12 For the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil.

Conclusion:

Psa 50:14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:

Psa 50:15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

Psa 50:16 But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or *that* thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?

Psa 50:17 Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee.

Psa 50:18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.

Psa 50:19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit.

Psa 50:20 Thou sittest *and* speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son.

Psa 50:21 These *things* hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether *such an one* as thyself: *but* I will reprove thee, and set *them* in order before thine eyes.

Psa 50:22 Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear *you* in pieces, and *there be* none to deliver.

Psa 50:23 **Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.**

Isa 59:4 None calleth for justice, nor *any* pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

Isa 59:5 They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper.