

Reading: James 1:19

Topic: The Words of My Mouth

INTRODUCTION: God created the birds to communicate with chirping and the _____ to growl and bark, but He gave to mankind the ability to _____ words, which has proved to be both a blessing and a _____.

I. HEARING:

A. Before Speaking:

1. God gave us _____ ears and only _____ mouth, so that tells us that God intended for us to listen and and to _____ before opening our mouth to speak. James 1:19
2. The Word of God informs us that Mary, the mother of Jesus had learned to be _____ in not opening her _____ and speaking all of her thoughts, but instead kept them and meditated on them in her own mind and heart. Luke 2:19

B. Listening:

1. The Word of God pronounces a blessing on those who take time to _____ and to hear what the Lord would say to us through His _____. Lk. 11:28
2. More than one hundred times the phrase "Hear the _____ of the Lord" is used in the Scriptures and God wanted people to learn what they were supposed to do and _____. Jer. 10:1; 22:29
3. God's desire is for people to _____ and to absorb the knowledge and understanding of spiritual things through His Word and become wise before opening the _____ to speak. Pr. 17:27,28

II. SPEAKING:

A. The Heart:

1. Our tongues and mouths speak what comes from our _____, therefore it is of the utmost importance that our hearts be _____ before God so that we will speak wisely. Lk. 6:45
2. We need to pray the prayer from the Psalm that David penned concerning the _____ of our heart and the _____ of our mouth because they go together. Ps. 19:14

B. With Wisdom & Restraint:

1. God allows us to learn by _____ - sometimes the hard way, by the working of His _____ in us and through the reading and teaching of His _____, how to keep our mouth and tongues so that we will save ourselves and others a lot of trouble from saying things that are harmful. Pr. 21:23
2. An unrestrained tongue will hurt and _____ a good testimony and will also cause _____ in the Body of Christ. James 1:26
3. One work of the mouth and tongue that God strongly condemns is what is called _____, which is the same word as a _____ or a _____. Lev. 19:16; Prov. 6:16-19, 17:9, 18:8

C. David's Prayer:

1. The psalmist David recognized the _____ that his mouth and tongue could do so he prayed this prayer before God to _____ him to not speak carelessly. Ps. 141:3

III. GOD CONTROLLED SPEAKING:

A. Impossible For Man:

1. The tongue is _____ but powerful and impossible to _____ without the help and working of the Spirit of God in us. James 3:6-8
2. There are a number of exhortations and warnings in the _____ concerning the tongue and if we are to avoid trouble and to _____ God, we need to take heed to His Word. Eph. 4:29-32; Jas. 4:11

B. Possible With God:

1. Though we are weak and failing in our flesh, God has given us _____ through His Spirit that He has given unto us to be able to _____ the old man and to _____ and _____ wrong speech. I Pt. 2:1; Eph. 4:31
2. The things that are impossible for us in our human flesh are made _____ with God and His Spirit working in us including controlling our talk. Lk. 18:27

CONCLUSION: May we be able to speak the words that Isaiah _____ in his book of prophecy and recognize that God will give to us the ability to use our mouth and _____ wisely. Is. 50:4