

Getting Unstuck In A Sticky World

Part 1 - Sticky Speech

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James 3:2-8 (NLT) Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way. 3 We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. 4 And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. 5 In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. 6 And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself. 7 People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, 8 but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison.

Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV) "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."

John 6:63 (NKJV) "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life."

Proverbs 18:21 (NKJV) "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit."

Romans 8:28 (NKJV) And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

The link between our thoughts and speech is found in-

Joshua 1:8 (NKJV) This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Romans 10:8 (NKJV) But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach):

THREE BIBLICAL APPLICATIONS

1. STOP USING _____ LANGUAGE

Ephesians 4:29 (NKJV)

29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

2. START USING _____ WORDS

Colossians 4:6 (NKJV)

6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

3. A LONG LIFE CONSISTS OF _____ WORDS

1 Peter 3:10 (NLT)

10 For the Scriptures say, "If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies.

Answers:

- 1. Abusive**
- 2. Gracious**
- 3. Short**