

The battle with the tongue

But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.(JAM3:8) These verses reveal that although the tongue is a little member of your body, it is very powerful. Through the tongue the whole body can be defiled. The tongue can never be tamed by man. Only when you yield your tongue to God can control be maintained over it. Bible compares the tongue to: A fire, a world of iniquity, A beast that needs taming, A tree bearing either good or evil fruit, A fountain of either fresh or bitter water. Bible says the tongue is powerful because of the effect it has on others. The tongue has power to bring death or life: *Death and life are in the power of the tongue.*(PRO18:21) The tongue is powerful because of effect it has on you. You can snare yourself with your own words:(PRO6:2) The tongue is powerful because your words can separate you from God: “*With our tongue we will prevail;* (PSA12:4) Your tongue is closely related to your heart, body, soul, spirit. If Satan has control of your heart, he has control of your tongue:(MAT15:18-20) Satan seeks control of your tongue by tempting you to speak. By evil communication you breach thru which Satan enters to war against your spirit. Satan uses your lips to affect your soul: Idol words:(MAT12:36) Foolish words:(PRO15:14) Filthy words:(COL3:8) Vain words:(PSA12:2) Boasting words:(JUD16) *He who guards his mouth preserves his life,*(PRO13:3;18:7)

When David realized the great battle with the tongue, he cried out: *What shall be given to you, Or what shall be done to you, You false tongue?*(PSA120:3) The first step in gaining victory over the tongue is to get your heart right with God. Your mouth will speak what is in your heart. If your heart is not right, your tongue will reveal it. Recognize you will be held responsible for the words that come out of your mouth.(MAT12:36-37) You should set a good example by your conversation:(ITI4:12) Keep your words few and simple: *In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise.*(PRO10:19;MAT5:37) *let every man be swift to hear; slow to speak, slow to wrath.*(JAM 1:19)

With God's help, you can control the tongue. But you must take action to control your own tongue. Let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile.(IPE3:10) Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.(EPH4:29) Jesus spoke gracious words: And all bare Him witness and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth, (LUK4:22) There was no guile (sinful speaking) found in His mouth:(IPE2:22-23) Speak words of wisdom and kindness: Let your lips be filled with praise to God: My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; and let all flesh bless His holy name for ever and ever.(PSA145:21) *Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.*(PSA19:14)

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.(EPH5:8) Walking in the light means we consider Jesus as the light of this world and we walk in that light by following His precepts, living in His power and growing in His grace. Book of Ephesians urging believers to be in harmony with their own family. a) Husbands and Wives relationship inside of marriage. willingly submitting to her husband and a husband sacrificially loving his wife.(EPH5:22-33) b) Parents and Children relationship.(EPH6:1-4) c) Servants and Masters relationship.(EPH6:5-9)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother,” To obey means to listen with the purpose of responding positively. Our obedience to our parents should be “in the Lord,” which means we can honor and serve the Lord when we obey our parents. But parents have the responsibility to teach their children in obedience, so that the child will grow up knowing how to obey God. Obedience is a right act, Honor is a right attitude.

How parents walk in the light: not provoking their children to wrath. And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. Parents have the opportunity to provoke their children to wrath, through an unkind, severe discipline, abuse of authority, over-critical attitude that torments the child instead of training them. This harsh kind of parenting gives an unnecessary justification to a child's natural rebellion. Train up your child with all tenderness, affection, patience. Help and rebuke must be combined with training/teaching.

How employees walk in the light: working as servants of Jesus. Servants are to obey their masters with a sincere heart as if serving the Lord. It reminds us that our work can and should be done as if we were working for Jesus. We are not to work with eyeservice (working only when the boss is looking) or as men-pleasers (only care about pleasing man), but with good will (a good attitude, not complaining) doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men. God will return to us in the measure that we have worked hard for Master/others; He will not allow our hard work to go without reward.

How employers walk in the light: treating their workers well. Masters are to treat their servants in the same way and not threaten them. Masters are to recognize they and their servants have a common Master in heaven that judges fairly. Masters are told to do the same things to them (their employees). Even as servants are to work hard and honestly for their masters, so masters are to do the same on behalf of those who work for them. Employers to give up threatening and other forms of harsh treatment. By knowing God in heaven, who He judges without regard to wealth or position.

Harmonious relationships are the result of submitting to one another in the fear of God. Unity in the church depends on harmony in all our relationships, in our position and practice. Don't fight. No vain glory. Solution of quarrelling in home, church and society: by maintain unity with one mind. do with one accord. Let's love, forgive, endure each other.