

GRACE For Addictions

A One Step Program

Part 9

THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

James 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."

The world of iniquity refers to the realm of the un-seen. And the course of nature refers to the realm of the seen. Everything you see came into existence because of the power of the tongue. First, we see through our imagination what we desire and then we begin to speak about it and call it to us.

For example: You see a car that catches your eye and you think about it until you decide to go drive it. You picture it in your mind and then you say, "I'm going to see if they will trade with me." If you like the car and decide you want it, you begin to say, "I'm going to buy that car".

You can do the same thing concerning addictions.

THE SINS OF OUR FATHER

John 20:23 "Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose sins you retain, they are retained."

When you release or forgive the sins of your fathers, they can no longer affect you. When you retain or don't forgive the sins of your fathers, you embrace or pull those same sins into the soil of your heart. When you don't forgive others, you hold close or pull those sins into yourself and walk them out in your life.

Remit simply means to release or forgive others. Retain simply means to not forgive others but embrace their sin. This is why the sins of the fathers are passed down to the third and fourth generation. (Exodus 20:5) We are the deciding factor.

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU'VE FORGIVEN?

Matthew 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."

Whatever is in your heart will become your speech at some point. This will happen 100% of the time.

ONCE AN ALCOHOLIC, ALWAYS AN ALCOHOLIC?

Romans 4:17c "...and calleth those things which be not as though they were:"

You call or speak what you see in your imagination and it comes to you.

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

If you embrace the picture of death it will become your speech. If you embrace the picture of life that will become your speech. Your speech will produce your fruit. Do you want to always be addicted to alcohol or drugs? How you see yourself becomes the determining factor.

CALLING FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

II Corinthians 5:21 "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

Righteousness is in the re-created spirit or in the realm of the un-seen. As you look past a person's outward man with its faults and speak to their heart about who they are in Christ, you're calling their righteousness (that's in the realm of the un-seen) to the realm of the seen. Once they see this truth, they will begin to walk in who they are, free from addictions.

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QUESTIONS

1. How does the realm of the un-seen come into the realm of the seen?
2. Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks. True or False
3. Are you always an alcoholic?

ANSWERS

1. The unseen comes into the realm of the seen by the power of the tongue.
2. True
3. You will not always be an alcoholic if you can see yourself free because of the finished work of Jesus.