You Words are the Controller - Bible Study Lesson

For 3 Weeks, we've been in a teaching series entitled: **Watch What You Say.** During this series of teachings, we have been teaching the importance of our words, as it relates to us living the life God has called us to have. We're not just careful about what we say. We're talking about watching what we say come to pass in our lives. **By our words, we are justified (made free) or condemned (put into bondage).** We are talking about the **LAW OF CONFESSION**.

Law: a principle based on predictable outcome for a specific act (the same for everybody) Gravity, lift, thrust, drag

Confession: Confession in Greek is "**Homo-logeo**." (Say the Same Thing) (to agree with God)

John 6:63 (NASB)

63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

What we've thought is that words were just noise. (Sticks and stones may break my bones. But words will never hurt me) However, words when spoken can go down in our soul and take root. Because words are addressed to our spirits. YOU AND I WERE NEVER DESIGNED TO SAY ANYTHING WE DIDN'T WANT TO SEE COME TO PASS. With this in mind, let's examine: You Words are the Controller.

Proverbs 13:3 (NASB)

3 The one who guards his mouth preserves his life; The one who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.

1. Properly controlling our words adds protection to our lives. There are angels poised to bring to pass our words. Also, the enemy is waiting for us to give him access to our lives with our own words. THE ENEMY IS SNEAKY. HE CAN'T GET YOU TO SAY THE WRONG THING OPENLY. BUT HE SENDS PEOPLE BY WITH

NEGATIVE CONFESSIONS. AND THEY TRY TO GET YOU TO AGREE WITH THEM.

Proverbs 30:32 (NASB)

32 If you have been foolish in exalting yourself Or if you have plotted evil, put your hand on your mouth.

2. An unrenewed mind produces words that are out of control. It is better to say nothing, than to speak out of control. You must not speak the evil thoughts the enemy sends to your mind. Sometimes we need to put a gag on our mouths. If you don't want to see it, you don't want to say it. YOUR TEACHER TOLD YOU, "IF YOU DON'T HAVE SOMETHING GOOD TO SAY, DON'T SAY ANYTHING AT ALL." There is something Dr. Bill Winston calls the VOCABULARY OF SILENCE. "After you have made your confession, shut your mouth."

Ephesians 4:29 (NASB)

29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

3. Properly controlled words are building blocks for us and others. God wants us to speak words that will build up and give life to things, not tear them down THE QUICKEST WAY TO IMPROVE YOUR RELATIONSHIP IS WITH YOUR MOUTH. THE QUICKEST WAY TO TEAR IT DOWN IS WITH YOUR MOUTH. – You tell me I can make it, I can. You tell me we can make it, we can. You tell me it's not going to work, it won't.

Proverbs 15:1 (NLT)

15 A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare.

4. Properly controlled words can turn enemies to friends. Wrong words can turn friends to enemies. Everything in this life will come out of a conversation with somebody. When we entertain the right

conversations our lives go to another level. When we entertain wrong counsel, we lose it all. **ASK ADAM AND EVE.** The snake told Eve, "God lied to you." She took his word over God's. – **It's amazing whose word we choose to believe.** Proper selection of who we talk to and especially who we listen to is essential for us being successful in life and relationships. That's why the scripture teaches us to be quick to hear and slow to speak.

Proverbs 18:21 (NASB)

21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

5. Properly controlled words can produce the sweet life we've imagined. (God has placed within each of us a dream and vision that is much bigger than where we are right now. Our imaginations are the canvas on which Holy Spirit paints masterpieces that birth enthusiasm and excitement. He wants us to use our words to breath life into them. WE CAN TALK OUR WAY IN OR TALK OUR WAY OUT.