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Keep thy tongue from evil, and
thy lips from speaking guile.

Psalms 34:13

Our mouth is the most used muscle in the body for most people. Think of all the things that we do with our mouth: talk, whistle, eat, smile, taste and breathe. I am sure you could think of more things that we do with our mouth. That is why God wants us to use our mouth for good things and not for evil things. It is very important that we control our mouth in what we say. God wants every word that comes out of our mouth to be pleasing to Him. God even told us how to speak.

What God wants us to do with our mouths.



1. Speak with Charity

I Corinthians 13:1, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not c_____, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal."

Always try to be kind with our words. No one likes mean - talking people.

2. Speak the truth

Ephesians 4:25, "Wherefore putting away l_____, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another."

If we tell somebody something but do not know all the facts for sure and we say it, we are not telling the truth. God wants us to always say the truth no matter what.

3. Speak to bring life or to build up someone.

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



Try to encourage people and not to put them down. It is a hard thing to do, but God wants us to talk about people's good points and not talk about their bad points.

4. Speak softly

Proverbs 15:1, "A s_____ answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger."

Learn not to yell and wine. We need to speak respectfully and properly at all times.

5. Speak shortly

Ecclesiastes 5:2, "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be h_____ to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be f_____."

I Thessalonians 4:11, "And that ye study to be q_____, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;"

God wants us to be quiet and not talk for a long time. Learn to keep your words short and to the point.

6. Speak slowly (well thought out words)

James 1:19, "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to

hear, slow to s _____, slow to w _____ :”

Think before you talk! We would be in a lot less trouble if we would think about what we are going to say before we blurt out words. That is the best way to control our mouth.

What God does **NOT** want us to do with our mouths.

1. Speak Loudly (Clamor is yelling, fussing)

Ephesians 4:31, “Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and e _____ speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:”



We should never lift our voices to anyone. Try to keep our voices soft. God does not want us to be loud and boisterous to others, especially to parents.

2. Debate (arguing in the wrong way)



II Corinthians 12:20, “For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be d _____, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:”

We do not have to have the last word. Arguing is wrong. We listen to our authority and obey, not argue.

3. Backbite

Psalms 15:3, “He that backbiteth not with his t _____, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.”



If the person is not there to defend themselves then do not talk about them in a bad way in front of others. Hold your mouth from talking about others at all times.

4. Curse.



Exodus 20:7, “Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him g _____ that taketh his name in v _____.”

Never curse God’s name by saying it without reverence. Do not even say swear words or words that sound like swear words. Keep our mouth pure and clean from words that sound like swear words.

5. Use Guile (saying something you do not mean to get your own way - deceiving others).

I Peter 3:10, “For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they s _____ no guile:”

Never say things that you do not really understand to deceive others. Some examples would be saying, “I love you” to a boyfriend or girlfriend; making up a story to make people like you; and impressing others with stories that are not true.

Write the missing letter on the line.

We should control our:



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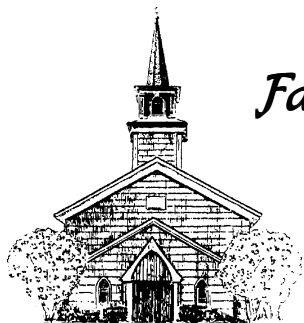
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