

"Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto Thy Name: the upright shall dwell in Thy Presence." Psalms 140:13 KJV



The honest speech of a man reveals his heart, whether he be righteous or no. *"The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked speaketh frowardness."* But, more than that, his deeds will match his speech. *"Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. As he thinketh in his heart so is he."* Our words and deeds reveal our heart. *"Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the Day of Judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."* Did you awake this day? Did you eat? Did you have the strength to work? Then, be thankful! *"The just shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful."* This applies to believers, as well! The places we frequent, the activities we engage in, and the company we keep will reveal the intents of our heart. The reason many believers are miserable is because *"This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me."* I've seen families, mine included, with a three-ring-circus of turmoil going on in the car, and as soon as they pull into the church parking lot, their faces are golden sunbeams. They care more about their image than their status with God. The turmoil re-erupt as soon as the car doors shut after church. Some couples even drive separate cars. Oh, they're all, "Praise the Lord" and "Nice to see you" at church, but there is a storm of bitterness in their heart! What we do when no one is watching reveals our true character. Do you praise God and thank God when you're alone? That is the true status of your Christian maturity. Anyone can sing and smile in public, but only the true saint sings in the dungeon. Do our deeds bespeak our thankfulness to God? *"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Great peace have they which love Thy Law (God's Word) and NOTHING shall offend them!"* Your heart will tell on you!

Thankfulness to God above,
For His grace and boundless love,
May our lips His glory sing,
May our deeds His praises bring! ~CGP

If you have acquired eternal life through faith in Christ, your lips should spontaneously give forth praise and honor for such a wondrous gift. If forever with God is your assured destiny, what is there to complain about? Charles Spurgeon wrote: "Thy soul must overflow, if thou another's soul would reach: It takes the overflow of heart to give the lips full speech." If there's joy in your soul, you'll be glad to show and tell it! It will be the ruling thought of all conversation and action. A friend said, "I don't let people bother me at work. I do my job for Jesus!"

"But what saith it? The Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the Word of Faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, 'Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.'" Romans 10:8-11 KJV