

"A Little Leaven Leaveneth The Whole Lump."
Galatians 5:9 KJV



All it takes to make the dough rise is a bit of yeast. A bit of jealousy, bitterness, or tattling will affect a whole family or Assembly. A single worm will rot a whole barrel of apples. One twisted doctrine will destroy the faith of many. To teach or imply that to love we must be tolerant of evil is heresy! God's Word says, "*Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul that sinneth, it shall die. God is angry with the wicked EVERY DAY!*" God loves sinners, but hates sin. Faith is not feel-good, warm, and fuzzy. Faith is believing, obeying, and trusting in the perfection of the Law of Liberty in spite of feelings! Not all men's laws have your best interests at heart, but God's Law does. "*Observe to do...ALL that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*" You only have the freedom to drive 55 miles per hour if the center line rule is obeyed by all drivers. One lawbreaker disrupts the whole traffic flow. One loose tongue disrupts whole Assemblies. A loose tongue is like a spark in a dry forest. "*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.*" It can trigger a blaze that can only be controlled through much prayer and obedience to God's Word. When it comes to our words we must treat them like matches in a gunpowder factory. Used properly matches are a blessing. Used impulsively they destroy. "*Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth!*" To speak correctly you must first think correctly; align your thoughts with God's Word through unceasing prayer and "*meditation therein DAY AND NIGHT!*" Impulsive speech is the result of yielding to the "*fiery darts*" of evil thoughts from Satan, and, believe me, he and his imps delight in using undisciplined minds to destroy many lives! The fiery darts of Satan hurled into the dry tinder of undisciplined minds will ignite untamable blazes of iniquity! If we faithfully wash our minds with the Water of the Word, there will be no dry tinder for Satan's darts. Meditation on God's Word is, for the mind, what bathing is for the body. It soothes, refreshes, cleanses, and invigorates. How many times have you entered the shower weary and emerged with new energy? It is the same for the mind immersed in Truth. "*I know that His Commandment is Life.*" If what enters the mind, comes unchecked from the lips it will defile, not only the speaker, but the hearers. Misspoken words create lifetime wounds. You can't remove yeast from dough once added. Your words are your own until spoken. They can never be retrieved!

As spark ignites a forest fire,
So beginneth wicked desire,
Keep your thoughts in Truth immersed,
And fiery darts will do no hurt. –CGP

You can't unspeak words, nor undo deeds. Never say what's on your mind unless what's on your mind is true, kind, and necessary. "*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true...honest...just...pure...lovely...of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*" Thought controls your speech and deeds. "*Out of the heart the mouth speaketh. As he is in his heart, so IS he.*" What controls you? Words can lift or crush depending on their agreement with God's Word!

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O LORD, my Strength, and my Redeemer." Psalms 19:14 KJV