

“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.” James 3:6 KJV

Jesus said, *“For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, ‘That 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.’”* Your words reveal your soul. They can never be unsaid! You may apologize, recant, or explain, but your words belong to the listener, once uttered! Given the tongue’s ability to communicate thought, it should constrain us to seriously consider our thoughts before speaking them! Often when trying to keep up with conversations, we utter whatever quip or jab enters our thoughts without hesitation; so intent on appearing intelligent or socially adept that we allow thought to flow freely from our lips. *“A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.”* If your opinion isn’t sought, it will be little heeded and often despised! We evaluate ourselves by one another instead of God’s Word. *“They measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. Let your conversation (behavior) be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ: For our conversation (citizenship) is in Heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.”* “They’re so heavenly minded they’re no earthly good!” is a statement coming from the heart of a fool! What they really mean is faith offends them! How could that be so if one is in pursuit of obedience to Truth? *“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the LORD will not hear me.”* Are your prayers unanswered? Are you blaming God? Many complain, “God never did anything for me!” My immediate response is, “What have you ever done for God?” The tongue is the tool of thought and without the cleansing power of confession and Truth the mouth becomes no more than a cesspool of mindless evil. Sadly, most discussions after church service center more on worldly events than on spiritual edifying. Do we assemble to socialize? To gossip? *“Let us consider one another to provoke unto Love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see THE DAY approaching.”* The Day is fast upon us! Are you even aware?



The tongue reveals our hidden soul,
And its condition, sick or whole,
Tis God alone can heal the heart,
That will not from His side depart. ~CGP

Our tongues should be beacons of Truth to a dark world! What’s more important than another’s salvation? *“Others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire!”* To save with fear is to rescue while clinging tightly to a secure hold lest you also be dragged into danger! Most have just let go and plunged in!

“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your Life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our Life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in Glory.” Colossians 3:2-4 KJV