

*“But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? Either a vine, figs? So can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.” James 3:8-12 KJV*



Is the tongue really untamable or the soul that controls it? Is it the tongue that curses and blesses or the person to whom it belongs? We love to pass-the-buck and play the “blame game!” It started in Eden. God asked Adam, “What did you do?” Rather than answer the question he immediately blamed Eve. “*The woman Thou gavest me...*” He not only blamed Eve, but God as well. God turned to Eve, “What did you do?” Eve proceeded to point the finger at the Serpent. This need to avoid accountability is what drives men away from God, for to approach Him we have to admit culpability. “*And men loved darkness rather than Light, because their deeds were evil.*” You can’t get olives from a fig tree and you can’t get good out of an evil heart. Men do not have to be instructed in sin any more than you have to teach a dog to bark. It comes naturally. “*Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.*” Evil does what evil thinks. “I’m sorry, I really didn’t mean that!” is the biggest lie I ever heard! What they really mean is, “I’m sorry you caught me revealing what I actually think!” If it comes out of your mouth it was first in your heart. That’s not to say what we say isn’t often misinterpreted by the listener, because we interpret what we hear based on our own wicked heart! We assume everything is directed at and about us, because we are self-centered and neglectful of other’s needs. Electronic communication has further isolated men, so face to face conversation rarely takes place. Many are uncomfortably silent in the company of others, while not hesitating to spew vile gossip and language on cellphones or social media! It’s the aura of non-accountability and isolation that fosters this melee. God promotes “Assembly” and “confession” while Satan promotes “isolation” and “blame.” It is the tongue that allows evil to transfer itself from heart to heart, because without words, our thoughts would remain our own forever. “*Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.*” Jesus summed it all up in one sentence: “*By their fruits ye shall know them.*” Another old proverb reveals another Truth: “Birds of a feather flock together.” Which means, you are known by the company you keep. Who your friends are reveals your soul as much as your words!

No man can tame his evil heart,  
If he from God doth walk apart,  
God’s Word will break the chains of sin,  
And give each man New Life within! ~CGP

When you have free time on what do you spend it? “Leisure time” can dictate thoughts and thereby words and actions. How much time do you spend watching TV versus praying and Bible reading/study/meditation? God will not provide your needs unless you seek Him first. If you get what you want while avoiding God, guess who your benefactor is? You will pay for everything Satan “gives” you. He “gives” nothing away!

*“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.’ Matthew 12:35-37 KJV*