

Wrong words defile our hearts, then we can't see God and all is impure

God speaks often about the crucial role of our words – how our salvation hinges on them

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Prov 13:3 **He who guards his mouth preserves his life, But he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.**

Matt 12:37 (Jesus) **For by your words you will be justified (regarded as innocent) and by your words you will be condemned (regarded as guilty).** NKJV

12:37 **Words can be your salvation. Words can also be your damnation.** MSGE

Rom 10:10 **...It is by confessing with your mouth (God's words) that you are saved.** NLT

What kind of words defile us, when we speak them, and instantly separate us from God?

- **ANGER** - **Cease from anger, and forsake wrath...** Ps 37:8
- **IMPATIENCE** - **For you have need of patience...** Heb 10:36
- **PRIDE** - **Love is very patient and...never boastful or proud, Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God** 1 Co 13:4 TLB
1 Pe 5:6
- **DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD** - **...That you did not obey My voice.** Jer 22:21
- **LYING** - **Do not lie to one another...** Col 3:9
- **COVERING UP SIN** - **He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.** Prov 28:13
- **COMPLAINING** - **Nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer.** 1 Cor 10:10
Do all things without complaining and disputing, Phil 2:14
- **UN-FORGIVENESS** - **For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.** Matt 6:14
- **ENVY** - **...Envy is rottenness to the bones.** Prov 14:30
- **RETALIATION** - **Not returning evil for evil or reviling (bad mouthing) for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing** 1 Pe 3:9
- **FLATTERY** - (False praise for an ulterior motive) **...With flattering lips and a double heart they speak.** Ps 12:2
- **SELFISHNESS** - **Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.** Phil 2:4

What happens to us the moment we speak words like these that we shouldn't speak?

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Titus 1:15 **To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure...**(everything around us will now seem negative)

Matt 5:8 **Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.** (the impure in heart who have been defiled by their words, can no longer perceive God in the Bible)

Prov 18:21 **Death and life are in the power of the tongue and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it, for death** (separation from God) **or life** (in God). AMP

There are Christians whose words constantly fall into one or more of the above categories. They may wonder why they never see God the way some other Christians do. It's because they stay permanently defiled and separated from God by their words. They are not serious Christians even though they may attend a Church fellowship when it's convenient. Their own words will condemn them in the Day of Judgment unless they get right with God and allow Him to change them by His words, so that they stop defiling themselves.

What role does Satan play in inducing us to speak wrong words? Bigger than we know:

Satan wants us to defile our hearts and separate us from God. He or his demons will attempt to feed thoughts into our thought lives. Fiery dart thoughts in one or more of the subject areas listed above, to get us to defile ourselves, and potentially defile others:

Ps 39:1 **I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.** KJV

James 3:6 **And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity...it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.**

Prov 17:14 **The beginning of strife is as when one lets out water** (wrong words): **therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with** (by Satan). KJV

2 Cor 2:11 **Lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices** (his thoughts – we are to recognize this stranger's voice and shun it).

Are we all alone in this conflict? Not at all "**Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.**" 2 Kings 6:16. Who are those with us? God's Angels, provided we are living in Christ: "**Because you have made the LORD...your dwelling place, For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways". Ps 91:9-10 and "**Because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world**" 1 Jo 4:4.**

What do we need to do to insure that we don't speak wrong words which greatly harm us?

- We refuse to be deceived any longer about the enormous significance of our words:

James 1:26 **If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.**

Prov 13:3 **He who guards his mouth preserves his life, But he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.**

- We make it our purpose to never speak words we know to be evil:

Ps 17:3 **...I have purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.**

- We look to God in child like faith to alert us and preserve us from damaging words:
Ps 141:3 **Set a guard O Lord over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips.**
2 Thess 3:3 **But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one** (Satan with his thought suggestions of wrong words to speak).

- We reserve our lips for giving God praise and thanks and for speaking His words
Ps 71:8 **Let my mouth be filled with Your praise And with Your glory all the day.**
Eph 5:20 **Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

Acts 4:29 **...Grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word**

- We agree that God has ordained that we praise Him, to silence our spiritual enemies.
Matt 21:16 (Jesus) **From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise**
Ps 8:2 **From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.** NIV

- We desire God to keep changing us, by His words and Spirit, to make us Christ-like in heart, and free us from our flesh with its wrong words - often induced by Satan.
2 Cor 3:18 **But we all, with unveiled face (heart), beholding as in a mirror (God's words) the glory of the Lord (Jesus) are being transformed into the same image (of Christ) from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.**

Rom 6:6 **Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.**

- We value and believe, maybe for the first time, the words of God about our words.
John 12:48 **He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him - the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.**
James 1:21-22 **So...humbly accept the message God has planted in your hearts, for it is strong enough to save your souls.**

And remember, it is a message to obey, not just to listen to. If you don't obey, you are only fooling yourself. NLT