*Wednesday, June 1, 2011*

**Word Of Mouth**

Ephesians 4:29-31 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. (30) And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. (31) Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: (KJV)

If you notice, it’s up to you the Christian to keep a watch over the mouth and make sure that nothing toxic spews forth. Just as we have seen in this country with some of the large oil spills, that those who allowed the breach to take place are held responsible. Spiritually, when standing before God and giving an account of your life, your words will make or break as far as entering into your eternal reward.

Colossians 4:5-6 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. (6) Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. (KJV)

All this week we are going back and forth with the scriptures; kind of like good cop, bad cop. We are seeing the positive effects of our words, as well as the negative. We see that it is up to us again, as to what we allow or let to come forth from our mouths, which in reality is just an extension of the heart. You need to know that the answer you are giving to every man is the one that proceeded forth from the mouth of God; otherwise it would do you well to keep silent.

Ecclesiastes 10:11-12 Surely the serpent will bite without enchantment; and a babbler is no better. (12) The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself. (KJV)

One of the defenses of a serpent is their venom, which when bitten can be lethal. Our words if not kept in check can be put in the same category spiritually. The Bible is quite specific in the fact that if we mislead anyone then our reward will be with a millstone tied around our neck and cast into the sea. For anyone that has done a study of the word ‘sea’ in the Old Testament, it is also a place where God sends sin, into a sea where it is forgotten, and so is the sinner. (Micah 7:19)

Ecclesiastes 10:13-14 The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the end of his talk is mischievous madness. (14) A fool also is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him? (KJV)

Ever meet someone who just did a lot of talking, and you still had no idea what they were talking about, especially those that profess to be Christians? Madness, to say the least.

Ecclesiastes 5:1-2 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. (2) Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. (KJV)

The Bible talks about a just weight and balance in our lives; so one way to describe the verses above is letting our walk and talk be in harmony. For many of us, especially in our youth, the talk would have a huge lead on the walk, and in the end the only one we ended up fooling was our self.

Ecclesiastes 5:3-5 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words. (4) When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. (5) Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. (KJV)

Many have used the above verses for their own carnal desires, trying to get the congregation to ante up with their giving. However, the truth is that we need to be doers of the Word, and just not hearers where again we end up deceiving ourselves. Let’s learn to get the walk caught up with the talk, and then you will be able to do those things that are pleasing in the sight of God.