

Lesson Two

Becoming God's Mouthpiece

"So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."
Isaiah 55:11

The _____ were a mouthpiece for God. They were called to _____.

To fulfill their God-ordained mission, they had to be _____ to the Lord, their mouth had to be His. Those who desire to be used by God need to allow Him to deal with them concerning their mouth and what comes out of it. Usually people who have "verbal" gifts, also have some glaring weaknesses in the area of their mouth.

"Having gifts that differ according to the grace given us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion of his faith."
Romans 12:6

Regardless of the specific ministry you are a part of in the Body of Christ, each of us is a _____ in some way. Whether you have the gift of teaching or the ability to witness, God wants us to use our mouth for Him.

Stay broken and only speak when spoken through! What does this phrase mean to you?

If we desire the words of our mouth to carry God's power, then our mouth must belong to Him. Is your mouth really God's mouth? Have you given it over to Him for His purpose?

A person's _____ can become hardened as a result of making excuses for his behavior. Sometimes we make excuses by blaming

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The list of excuses we make for our failure to conform to the will of God and Word of God is endless. The _____ will get your full attention so that you can become more _____ for your words and actions.

The Responsibility

“My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.”

James 3:1-2

We know that God deals with everyone, but there is a stricter guideline for those who are _____ . Leaders are expected to _____ .

They are to follow Christ themselves and to show them “the way” by their lives as well as by the Word of God. In 1 Timothy 3:2, the Apostle Paul wrote that spiritual leaders are to be _____. One of those areas in which they exercise the fruit of the Spirit should be their mouth. Those who are trained in being God’s mouthpiece will frequently be used to bring _____ .

There are times of correction and rebuke, but also times of speaking “a word in season” to the weary.

Bringing Comfort

“A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, and a word spoken in due season, how good it is.”
Proverbs 15:23

“A word fitly spoken and in due season is like apples of gold in settings of silver.”
Proverbs 25:11

“The Lord God has given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens me morning by morning, he awakens my ear to hear as the learned.”

Isaiah 50:4

These verse are given to us as a means of meditation. What a blessing it is to be used by God to cheer up others. We can _____ with the words of our mouth. We can _____ to them. The power of _____ is in the tongue. We can choose to speak life. When we edify or exhort, we are encouraging people forward. Or we can choose to _____, where we are holding people back or urging them not to move in the Will of God.

Parents should be careful about how they speak to and about their children. Parenting is _____ and God attached authority to the parent role. Parents have the authority over the lives of their children until those children are old enough to lead their own lives. Because of this authority, parents words can greatly encourage or discourage a child, they can _____ .

The Gift of Exhortation

“Therefore encourage one another and edify one another, just as you are doing.”
1 Thessalonians 5:11

The “gift of exhortation” is spoken of in Romans 12:8. It is one of the ministry gifts that the Holy Spirit confers upon certain people.

Read John 14:26

In this passage, the Holy Spirit is called, _____. He exhorts people in their growth in God, encouraging them to be all they can be for God’s glory. As a helper and exhorter, he anoints others for that ministry. Yes, exhortation is a _____. There are always plenty of people in the church at any given time who are ready to give up if something does not happen to encourage them and it is up to us to use our mouthpieces to prevent someone from backsliding or giving up.

In the same passage, the Spirit is also called, _____. Exhortation brings comfort about yourself, circumstances, past, present and future. We have to continue to exhort one another and make others feel better because people are always hurting and need a _____ from the Lord to assist them.

Beware of Polluting Speech

“Let no foul or polluting language, nor evil word, nor wholesome or worthless talk, come out of your mouth, but only such as is good and beneficial to the spiritual progress of others, as is fitting to the need and the occasion, that it may be a blessing and give grace to those who hear it.”

Ephesians 4:29

Some people believe they are called to correct everyone. God does give gifts that bring correction, as demonstrated by the Apostle Paul in Romans 12:3

Read Romans 12:3

We have to be careful to not always _____ and never edify, build up, exhort, or comfort one another. When we choose to do that, we _____. God desires to touch more people’s mouths and have them for His own mouthpiece. There is much to be said and many who need to hear. We should _____ to allow God to deal with us in these important areas, and like Isaiah, realize that without God’s cleansing power, we are all people of unclean lips.