

Introduction: I will not grow content Spiritually! But how? We need to be doers of the word, not just hearing it week after week and not responding to it or allowing God's word to affect our lives or transform us. Just going through the motions of church will not help us. We need our eyes anointed with eye salve. Jesus anointed the blind man's eyes with mud once, the man saw men like trees walking (Mark 8:24). Some people only allow God to touch them once, and they only see half what God desires to do with them...But they are living, making decisions and trying to live out a faith walk with only half the revelation, or 1/3rd the revelation. We need to continue to come to Jesus for a touch! I don't know about you, but I need a fresh touch from the Master's hand!

Text: Proverbs 18:19-21

Outline:

I. My Eyes.

- A. Whose Eyes?
- B. God's Eyes: See Eternity!

II. My Ears.

- A. Whose Ears?
- B. God's Ears: Hear All!

III. My Mouth. Ephesians 4:29 (Greek word: oikodomēn – Means to "build up")

- A. **Whose Mouth?** Who is influencing your speech? Do you Value your relationship with God enough to allow that foundation dictate what you say? Or do you feel a soul ownership to your lips.
 - The difference is: have you made Jesus your Lord and Master... or just an add on to enhance your life.
 - **Your words can change your perspective on life:** "I know this is going to be a miserable day." "This is going to go badly, I can feel it." "There is going to be trouble at work today...we never can get along." "I am so clumsy; I know I'm going to mess it all up." This not only effects

your attitude and spirit, but it will **toxify** those around you as well!

"This storm is going to wipe up out." Now your statement is not going to change the weather...but your prayers could, if it is God's will. But the point is: we need to speak with expectation of blessing as God's people!

- **Proverbs 15:4 (NIV/CSB)** Your words can sooth or heal, or they can break a person's spirit. Even your own. Remember again Proverbs 18: but look at a verse above our text: **vs 19**
 - Talk that leads to division, prejudice, argumentative, rudeness, unkindness, hot headed anger, profanities. These do not have a place in the heart of a true Believer who has given their heart to God! Remember last years theme: Deut. 6:5
 - No truer words were uttered by our Lord than **Luke 6:45 (NKJV)** *"Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks."*
 - How do you speak to a **waitress**. (example: some waitresses say they dread to see church people the most on Sundays...not because of the crowd or being so busy: but their attitude!
 - **Matthew 15:11 (NLT)** "It's not what goes into your mouth that defiles you; you are defiled by the words that come out of your mouth."

B. God's Mouth: Speaks Life!

- **John 6:63 (CSB)** "The Spirit is the one who gives life. The flesh doesn't help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life."
 - When the Lord spoke to His followers, they were transformed, changed, corrected, directed, and taught at the feet of the Master. But that is because they received what the Lord shared. We must have anointed hearing – Spirit Hearing, before we can allow the words of Christ to transform us and then our speech is transformed!
 - This is not just about you. When you are transformed, this is going to lead to healing words coming from your mouth...because that is what will be over-flowing from your heart! Words that unite! Words that Heal! Words that Build Up! Words that reflect Christ and attract people to God instead of turning them away!
- There are times we will not know what to pray: God has a solution for that too. He can take your tongue if you will surrender it to the Lord. The Bible calls it being Filled with the Holy Spirit. The initial evidence is God taking control of your tongue. It is also possible to pray in the Spirit. **Romans 8:38**
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- **God help us not to miss You! Help us not to miss strength that you longed to provide, wisdom that you longed to teach...due to our own arrogance, neglect or discouragement!**
- *Come to this altar and pray with me this Psalm: **Psalm 141:3** "Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips."*