

The Tongue

Romans 14:11- For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. (KJV)

The Holy Scriptures provide sound guidance for daily life in the use of the tongue. The greatest care and the highest standards are necessary in the daily use of words. Believers benefit when confessing regularly to God with heartfelt sincerity. Confessing to the Lord God gives direction, purpose and strength to the believer.

I Corinthians 13:1- Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

(KJV)

The believer's love of God and love of neighbor are essential in the tongue's use. Words are hollow if the believer's heart and actions are not well founded in love. The heart, mind and soul give direction to the words uttered throughout life. The choice of words reflects the content and values of the person's character. When asked, God will provide the words necessary to stay on the blessed path.

Philippians 2:11- And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (KJV)

Interest in following the Lord and being blessed will influence word choice. The tongue's expressions will reflect the interest of the heart, mind and soul. A believer's strength of faith is revealed when actions correspond with the tongue. The tongue can be used for repentance when the heart, mind and soul are willing. Words expressed combined with improved behavior signal growth in the Lord.

James 1:26- If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. (KJV)

Restraint in the tongue's use keeps a person on the narrow path to the Kingdom. Certain words chosen can have a healing effect on others or a devastating impact.- Daily life offers believers consistent opportunities to speak in God-pleasing ways. Wise use of silence and refraining from speaking will be God-pleasing at times.

I Peter 3:10- For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: (KJV)

The tongue's use reflects if the Lord God is the center, purpose and goal of life. Words used in daily life help to form the believer's record for the Last Judgment. The Lord God has a way of knowing the words used and their intended purposes. Each day is an opportunity to refrain from evil and attempt to do good in life. The Lord provides the strength and the way to refrain from evil and to do good.

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