

The Source Of The Fountain Is What Comes Out



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- I. James 3:1-5...James talks about the tongue.
- II. James 3:6-8...James talks about the importance of controlling our tongue.
Note Verse 6 which tells us our tongue can defile our whole body.
- III. James 3:9-10...James talks about how destructive the tongue can be.
- IV. James 3:11-12...James talks about a fountain and what comes out of it.
Because of what God says in His scriptures I believe we can think of our own heart as the fountain of our life.

Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Matthew 12:34-37

O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. [35] A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things; and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. [36] But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. [37] For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Matthew 15:18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of

his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

If we are bumped, what comes out of our fountain or heart through our mouth? We must be careful to continually guard what we put into our eye and ear gate so we can guard our hearts.

V. Verse 13...James says a wise person should have a good conversation.

Psalm 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer. *David said we should strive to please God with what we say...*

VI. Verses 14 -16...James said that envy and strife and confusion are not of God.

A. How do these things get into our hearts?

1. Allowing unresolved offenses to linger.

a. Allowing small offenses to become much larger than they should.

b. By listening to gossip, wrong TV, jumping to conclusions.

B. How can we avoid these things from getting into our hearts? God's word says,

1. **Psalm 119:165** Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

2. **Proverbs 4:23**—*See above keep our heart with all diligence*

3. **Psalm 119:11** Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

4. **1 Peter 2:1** Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

5. **Jeremiah 15:16** Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts.

Are we being careful to put right things into our hearts? Are we guarding our Hearts so our words will be what they should be? Remember words spoken can never be taken back.

VII. Verses 17 & 18 God's wisdom and preparation for our hearts will always bring real happiness and blessings for us and will help our words be uplifting and encouraging to others.

A. God tells us what to do to keep our hearts right:

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely,

whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Galatians 5:25-26

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. [26] Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

B. We need to obey what God says in His word to be the examples we should be.

1. to our family
2. the unsaved
3. our children
4. other Christians

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Lesson 8 - SPEAKING WITH KINDNESS

Little member is what God calls the tongue, but great blessings and great evils flow from it...

1. The virtuous woman speaks with kindness (**Proverbs 31:26**).
Discuss positive ways your can use your tongue from:
Psalm 34:1-3 Proverbs 12:18 Proverbs 16:23-24 Proverbs 12:25 Proverbs 15:1
2. Give an example of someone who recently ministered to you with their speech
Explain why their words were so meaningful.
3. When it is impossible or impractical to overlook an offense, why is it best to talk directly to the party involved before discussing the matter with anyone else?
Proverbs 25:9-12 Matthew 18:15 Luke 17:3-4
4. From the passages listed below what is involved in being a wise reprover?

Proverbs 9:8-9 Galatians 6:1 Colossians 4:6 Proverbs
25:15 Ephesians 4:15 I Samuel 25:23-25

5. Define Flattery.

6. Why does someone flatter?

7. Why is it wrong according to: Proverbs 12:2 Proverbs
26:28 Proverbs 12:17-19 Proverbs 29:5

8. Why does someone nag?

9. Describe the effects of nagging based on:
Proverbs 19:13 Proverbs 25:24 Proverbs 21:19

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