Governing the Tongue

Mt 12:30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

33 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for **the tree is known by his fruit**.

34 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.

Text

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“every idle word”

Unprofitable, inactive, unemployed, unproductive, fruitless, lazy, useless:--barren, slow.

Unprofitable words make unprofitable servants.

Unprofitable servants speak unprofitable words.

A man's words expose his heart and reveal the kind of man he is.

1. Mat.12:34 vipers (being evil---speaking evil)
2. V.35 A good man bringeth forth good things - an evil man bringeth forth evil things.
3. V.37 A Justified man
4. V.37 A condemned man

He has the heart of a viper.

He has the heart of a good man.

He has the heart of an evil man.

The idea is that words come out of an overflowing heart: "Out of the abundance [overflow] of the heart the mouth speaketh."

A man's words expose his true nature: what he is like beneath the surface.

A man's words expose what he is down deep within his heart: his motives, desires, and ambitions.

A man's words expose his true character: good or bad, kind or cruel.

A man's words expose his mind, what he thinks: pure or impure thoughts, dirty or clean thoughts.

A man's words expose his spirit, what he believes and pursues: the legitimate or illegitimate, the intelligent or ignorant, the true or false, the beneficial or wasteful.

A Tongue sin-**Blaspheming the Holy Ghost** for He is the one that convicts a man’s heart of sin.

In the simplest and clearest of terms, the unpardonable sin is a stubborn rejection, a stiff-necked refusal, an obstinate unbelief, a rooted bitterness, a rooted malice, a dead spirit, or a selfish neglect.

The Importance of Right Speech

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“every idle word”---Unprofitable, inactive, unemployed, unproductive, fruitless, lazy, useless:--barren, slow, careless, vain, empty,worthless, light and irreverent, wantonly and causelessly uttered words but also false and malicious, wicked and injurious, such as a false testimony against a neighbour,

The Tongue has great potential for either good or evil.

1. Our speech reveals who we really are.
   1. Good or Bad
   2. True or wrong
   3. Productive or corrupt
   4. Pure or perverted

How do we get to know someone? We don't study their picture or stare at them. We talk to them and listen to them.

* Conversation is the primary way we get to know one another

1. Speech is powerful
   1. In speech there is the power to instruct
   2. To motivate
   3. To comfort
   4. To control
   5. To hurt
2. Idle Talk
   1. Gossiping
   2. Slandering
   3. Selfishly Judging
   4. **CARELESS words:** "Inactive, lazy". (workers doing nothing!); 1Tim. 5:13 (idlers); Titus 1:12 (Slow bellies.] idleness, and gluttony; sluggish or hoggish men.); 2Pe 1:8 (ineffectual).   
        
      **EVERY CARELESS WORD:**
      1. Against the Saviour Jesus Christ
      2. Against the Power of the Holy Ghost (vv 31,32).

A Gift from God not to refuse, nor speak against nor neglect -These were the sins of the Pharisees (v 24).

Many Christians occupy themselves in idle conversation like the Pharisees (Mat.12:14) rather than praying in the Holy Ghost(Jude 20) and edifying talk. We should not be babblers, tattlers and gossip-mongers. The word of God condemns foolish talking and jesting (Eph. 5:4).

**What do the 3rd and 9th commandment really mean?** Ex 20:7(Deut 5:11 ) Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Ex 20:16(Deut.5:20) **Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.**

------------Idle Words--------------

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For the most part, men spend their lives in search of Vain and unprofitable trifles

Idle Words: the words that are spoken but not to the Honor and Glory of God.

**Vain Empty Worthless---**Having No Value, No Substance, No Importance, fruitless, Ineffectual in all things

1. Vain in their force

Anything that I say I can accomplish on my own

1. Vain in their unconscious transfer of feelings
   1. Proud of petty things
   2. Trifling attainments
2. Vain in their use as a matter of fact.
   1. Speaking improperly
   2. Speaking without understanding
   3. Making excuses
3. Vain words are forbidden
   1. Praying but not receiving in faith
   2. Conceit
   3. Much speaking
   4. Slothful with what has been given to you properly
   5. Tattling
4. God will bring every Idle(vain) word into Judgment
   1. Every man must give an account of every idle word.

“every idle word”---Unprofitable, inactive, unemployed, unproductive, fruitless, lazy, useless:--barren, slow, careless, vain, empty, worthless, light and irreverent, wantonly and causelessly uttered words but also false and malicious, wicked and injurious, such as a false testimony against a neighbour,

Everyone shall be called on to give account for every idle, rash, inconsiderate word, how much more for such blasphemy as the Pharisees had uttered? How careful, too, should we be to see that our speech is pure!

(winged words) heard all round the earth. Who knows where they stop here in this life?

God hears our every word and every word interprets our character.

Idle words produce Idle deeds.

Idle Deeds

Mt 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.