

Let Me See Your Tongue

When I was a young child, there was a school trip that I really wanted to go on, but because I was experiencing some symptoms in my body, my mother didn't want me to go. So she called the family doctor to come and take a look at me. The doctor asked, "How are you?" and I told him, "I'm feeling great!" He said, "Let me see your tongue!" The moral of the story is that when I showed him my tongue, I wasn't allowed to go on the trip.

You can tell so much by the tongue because your tongue will always tell the condition of your heart. When I see someone in my church that is battling sickness and disease or poverty and lack, I may say to them, "Let me see your tongue." I could say the same thing to you today: "What have you been allowing to come out of your mouth? Show me your tongue!"

The good news is that once we identify the problem, we can make course corrections. Proverbs 15:4 says that a healed tongue or a wholesome tongue is a "tree of life." In the Garden of Eden, Adam did not have access to the Tree of Life, but God is telling us that our tongues can be a tree of life. When you continue on with that verse, it says that "perverseness" is a "breach in the spirit" or a malfunction. While I was in prayer one day, this is what God showed me. In my mind's eye, I saw God singing the universe into existence. The Bible says that even the stars sang with Him. Each letter of the Hebrew alphabet has a musical tone or musical value and has a colour that belongs to each letter. The numerical value of the Hebrew alphabet is what holds this whole universe together and it was released with melody, harmony and rhythm. God is a tri-part God, just as you and I are tri-part beings. Music has these three ingredients: melody, harmony and rhythm. As God showed me this, I could see colours being released as people were praising

the Lord. When I began to speak His Word, I was in harmony with Him. When I spoke negative words, there was a malfunction and it disrupted me from flowing with the universe. It would be like a skilled musician playing a guitar that is out of tune. It doesn't matter how well you play, if the guitar is out of tune it will not sound good. This is the way your mouth is when you speak contrary to the Word of God. You are out of harmony with the universe.

Proverbs 16:23 says, "The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips." This verse is closely related to Romans 12:1-2. We are to submit our bodies as "living sacrifices" and our minds to be renewed by the Word of God, so that when we speak, we are speaking what He says and not what we feel or see. Paul the apostle said that what we see is temporal and subject to change (2 Corinthians 4:18), but the Word of God is forever settled in heaven (Psalm 119:89). If you will lock in on the Word of God, the Word will change what you are looking at.

The biggest problem we have in the world is just under our nose. The unruly member of the church is right under our noses. "Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things" (Proverbs 23:16). When we talk right it is because we are thinking right. When your heart is right with God, then right things will come out of your mouth. In Matthew 6, Jesus teaches about taking thoughts by speaking them out. Thoughts do not become yours unless you give voice to them. We are being bombarded with thoughts all day long, but "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds" (2 Corinthians 10:4). Don't allow your mouth to give birth to negative thoughts. "If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself, or if thou hast thought evil, lay thine hand upon thy

mouth” (Proverbs 30:32). In other words, put your hand over your mouth and shut up! Don’t give life to negative thoughts by speaking them out because whatever you speak, you give life to!

Matthew 12:33 calls your heart a tree and your words are the fruit from the tree. If what comes out of your mouth is corrupt, then there is still corruptness in your heart. Your voice will always tell you the condition of your heart. When you speak negative words, it’s like releasing poison in your system and over time, it will kill you. That’s why Jesus said it’s not what goes in a man that defiles him, but what comes out of a man’s mouth (Matthew 15:11). It’s not fish and chips that will kill somebody! What causes someone to die is what comes out of a man! You can be in great health physically, taking care of your body and eating all of the right foods, but drop dead because you never got a hold of this principle. Never underestimate the power of your words!

Proverbs 18:20-21 is called the Law of Confession. A man’s life will be filled with the fruit of his mouth and with the consequences of his words he must be satisfied, whether they

are good or bad. Every time you speak, you are activating the supernatural. When you open your mouth you are operating in the God Class. Death and life are in the power of your tongue, so it is up to you to choose blessing or cursing. Your words are either creative or destructive. Your level of faith is determined by the words that you are speaking, because your faith rises or falls by your words. “And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity; so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell (James 3:6). God will not prevent the forest fires in your life. Only you can prevent your own forest fires by the words that you speak!

Psalms 45:1 says that your tongue is “the pen of a ready writer.” You are writing your future by the words that are coming out of your mouth today. Your mouth is the very key to your success! Your tongue is deciding your destiny—it is that small rudder that is steering your ship. Let me see your tongue and I will show you your future!

~Pastor Gary Hooper

Developing The Good Work

God has begun a good work (Philippians 1:6)! If we have accepted Jesus as Lord and Saviour, He has already started to do a good work in us! He will not give up on us. He promises to keep working in us until we are whole. We must stop trying to do things ourselves, and yield to Him. He will show us what to do, where to go and what to say. We need grace and peace, which can only be multiplied in us as we grow through our knowledge of God’s Word (2 Peter 1:1-2). God has given us everything we need that pertains to our physical and spiritual lives (2 Peter 1:3). We receive all we need by coming to know Him. We are called to glory and virtue. He started that work in us, so He’s going to make it happen. He has put things in us for people who don’t know Him. He wants people to see Him in us. He wants to overflow out of us, but He can’t do that if we’re not putting anything in. We must get in His presence and develop everything that He has for us. He has given us “exceeding great and precious promises” (2 Peter 1:4). How blessed are we! We have escaped the corruption of the world, caused by lust and greed. We escape through keeping our focus on God (2 Peter 1:4). In 2 Peter 1:5-6 we find the foundation of faith: add by your faith a generous provision of moral virtue, self-control, patient endurance, godliness and brotherly affection, with love for everyone. The more we allow these virtues to work in our lives, the more productive and useful we will be as we handle God’s Word. We will be in a constant place of

revelation all the time. Through the precious promises we can have God’s own life in us. Love is the foundation of that life (Ephesians 3:14-21). Understanding how much God loves us makes it possible for us to have His fullness operating in us. He has filled us with His fullness, but we need to let it out because He wants us to be filled all the time. When we were born again, He put it all in there, so whatever we do in the Kingdom of Heaven, virtue comes out of us, then He can pour it back in; He’s always topping us up. God wants us to be flowing like a flooding river going out into the world. The world is waiting for us!

When we were born again, the fruit of the Spirit was downloaded in us (Galatians 5:22-23). The fruit of the Spirit isn’t optional! We don’t have a choice and there’s no excuse! He has put the fruit in us in seed form so we have to develop it. When Jesus went to heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to be our Helper (John 14:16-17). He lives in us and is with us all the time to help and empower us to do the work of the ministry, to do the things we can’t do on our own. He is the spirit of reality, the revelation of God’s Word. He will show us things to come in the future (John 16:13-14). We must take the time to hear His voice. We are the sheep of His pasture and we hear His voice. Keep saying every day: “I hear my Father’s voice and another I will not follow.” Once we know God’s character and who He is, we’ll never confuse Him with the devil. The devil’s bad; God is good!

The Holy Spirit will guide us into revelation knowledge, but we have to take time to meditate God's Word, to read it, think about it and just let it "dwell in us richly in all wisdom" (Colossians 3:16). We have to put our flesh down and let Him do the good work through us.

When we were not saved, those ugly things about the flesh were very noticeable in our lives (Galatians 5:19-21). Crucifying the flesh is no fun. It hurts to die. We will be tempted in our flesh, emotions and minds by the thoughts we allow. Make that switch. It takes practice. It's not going to take a couple of days to get you turned around. Galatians 5:24 says, "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." We died with Christ; we were crucified with Him. The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ are in our lives right now. We are living a resurrected life! Our flesh has been crucified. When Jesus went to the cross, He took our flesh with Him, but because we've been in the world, we need to renew our minds and way of thinking. We have to line up our thoughts with the Word of God (Romans 12:2). We are in transformation! We may not behave perfectly yet, but God sees us as perfect! He sees us through the blood of Jesus. We're getting to be just like Jesus, growing from glory to glory. Hallelujah!

Love is the first fruit of the Spirit. We are to choose to walk and live in the Spirit, controlled and guided by God, so we will not "fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16). If you're having difficulty with the love walk, take 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, read it, speak it and meditate it every day for thirty days. This will help to develop the love of God that is in your heart (Romans 5:5). It is God's will that we love others; without love nothing else matters. Love is more than a feeling, it is choosing to behave in loving ways. We have to be "rooted and grounded in love" (Ephesians 3:17). The place to start is to know that God loves us, and then be patient as He works His love within. No one loves perfectly, but we must learn how to love. It is a fruit of the Holy Spirit that is produced in our lives as we yield to God. It's calling those things that are not as though they already exist (Romans 4:17).

To find the answers to our problems and to be successful and prosperous in all our dealings, we must meditate on God's Word day and night (Joshua 1:8). If we're meditating on the Word, letting it live in us and acting on it, then it will become operative in our life, and our will and God's will are going to line up (Colossians 3:16-17; John 15:7-8). If we're praying in the Spirit and God's Word is in us, it's going to come up from the inside. Pray this everyday: "I have the mind of Christ. I know the thoughts, the feelings, the purposes and intents of His heart." The Holy Spirit will speak to us, but we have to have a relationship with Him if we are to know God's voice. We must let the Word abide in us richly. God and His Word are one. Jesus is the living Word and He is known through the written Word. The Holy Spirit reveals what Jesus did in His death, burial and resurrection.

He reveals what He did in His great plan of redemption that the Lord Jesus consummated. He reveals who we are in Christ, what we have in Christ, our rights and privileges. That is spiritual development.

Don't just listen to God's Word. Meditate on it, feed on it, live it and do what it says; otherwise, you're only fooling yourselves and only mentally assenting (James 1:22). We must let God's Word grow in us. It takes time and energy. When we practice it comes more naturally, which leads us to be able to pray with authority and have confidence in our prayers. Because God's Word is coming out of our mouths, we can ask what we will and it will be done. The fruit is not just the fruit of the Spirit; it's also the fruit of answered prayer, prayer that's getting results (John 15:1-2, 7-8). We want prayers that get results! Once we get to the place where we know our authority in the Name of Jesus and know that we're seated at the right hand of the Father with Him, we're not begging, but taking authority and dominion and getting the job done. That is the only way it's going to happen. Let's go get some results! Reach out, be Jesus to somebody!

~Pastor Nancy Hooper

Praise Reports!

My husband worked as a building superintendent for a large apartment building in the downtown area. The job paid well and was in a good location. However, in 14 months, he didn't have a single day off from his duties and was on call around the clock. We prayed about it and decided that it was time for a change. He started looking for another job and found one that we thought was a "sure thing." He interviewed several times, did all the paperwork and we toured the building and the apartment we would live in. All that was left was the formality of Head Office approval. We were so sure of the position that my husband gave his notice at his current job and we began preparations to move. About three weeks before moving day, we received the devastating news that Head Office had not approved the hire. My husband was not even given details. We were stunned! Now we had to move out of our apartment in three weeks, had nowhere to go and my husband had no job. I admit that I "freaked out" and had more than a few moments of feeling sorry for myself. However, I quickly realized that I'm a child of God! We are joint heirs with Jesus! So we began to pray, got back into the Word and started confessing that God would perfect that which concerns us (Psalm 138:8) and supply all of our needs.

My husband started searching for another job and found one that seemed perfect! He submitted his resume and within an

hour received a call from the owner of the company, a small family owned business. They met and talked about the job and my husband's qualifications and experience. The owner said he would talk to his wife and call another meeting. Well that call didn't come. My husband had other interviews and meetings and we didn't talk about the job that would have been so perfect. Many times I wanted to say to my husband, "I guess that other job didn't work out." But for some reason, I never said it.

Less than a week before we were to move, my husband got a call from this perfect job! The owner asked him to come to the office for a meeting. He went to the meeting but was told that a man with 27 years of experience had been hired instead. But they were very interested in hiring my husband for another position! The position seemed as though it was created especially for him! Glory to God! Who could have done this other than the Lord?

My husband accepted the job and was told that the training period would be three to six months. After that time he would go from an hourly wage to a percentage of the jobs he did, a considerable boost in income, and would get a company truck. He was training for about three weeks when he received the company truck and the salary increase! Talk about overflow! Our God is the God of more than enough!!

Lisa—Halifax, NS

The Bible tells us that we are to have faith like little children (Luke 18:16-17). My son saw a metal tubular type bunk bed that had a double bed on the bottom that could turn into a couch. He thought it would be a great addition to his room, especially since he had a television and game system in there. He asked if he would be able to buy one. Since he already had a wooden bunk bed set, I told him that to replace his bed would cost too much. However, I also suggested that he talk to God about it. The next day, after we came home from church, he asked again about the bed. I told him that he had to do two things: clean his room to make a spot for the new bed and pray about it. He immediately came home, cleaned his room and prayed. While he was cleaning, I decided to check out Kijiji. Only a few minutes prior to my logging on, someone posted the exact bed that my son was looking for, at the same price that we were asking for his other bunk bed. Needless to say, it was an answer to his prayer! He never once questioned if God would fulfil his desire. As a matter of fact, he was certain the bed would be his when he prayed. A great example of childlike faith!

Marianne—Elmsdale, NS

Salvation Prayer

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" and "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Acts 2:21; Romans 10:9). You said my salvation would be the result of Your Holy Spirit giving me new birth by coming to live in me (John 3:5-6, 15-16; Romans 8:9-11) and that if I would ask, You would fill me with Your Spirit and give me the ability to speak with other tongues (Luke 11:13; Acts 2:4).

I take You at Your Word. I confess that Jesus is Lord. And I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. Thank You for coming into my heart, for giving me Your Holy Spirit as You have promised, and for being Lord over my life. Amen.

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