

## A Pastor's Heart

### Encouragement from Pastor McGill

#### Speaking Correctly

**Proverbs 18:20-21** *A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.*

*21. Death and life are in the power of the tongue and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*

How will you use your mouth today? The bible lets us know just how powerful the tongue is. We can build with it or destroy. We can encourage or discourage. We can give hope or give despair. We can draw people or repel them with our words. The scripture we will focus on today was written by King Solomon. He asked God for wisdom to govern a nation and God blessed him with wisdom and great wealth. Today let's tap into the Wisdom of Solomon. In verse 20 a man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth. The word belly is the Hebrew word (beten) it is the same word used for womb. In this text it refers any place in our lives that is empty or barren.

First, that empty place shall be satisfied with the fruit of OUR mouth not God's mouth. God has already spoken. We must now use our mouth to produce the fruit that we want. It is our mouth that will fill the empty place. What is your mouth producing? Examine the evidence in your life. It tells a story. If I don't like what I have, I should change what I am sowing.

Secondly, the mouth produces fruit and increase. This means that we must speak this way continuously on a daily basis. I am married to a wonderful woman, she is a great wife, mother and lifelong partner, and we have a great marriage. In the beginning of our marriage I did not have this testimony. I would have said the direct opposite. We have been married now for over 18 years and could have easily ended the marriage before the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary. What changed? When the marriage was still bad, I began to say that we had a great marriage and that I was her ideal husband and she was my ideal wife. I began to say that we could get along and enjoy each other's company. I began to speak what I wanted, not what I had. My wife began to speak the same thing. We spoke it before we saw any changes. This was an empty spot in our marriage and we satisfied it or filled this emptiness with our own mouth. This is a very important note: We spoke this by faith, with total confidence that what we were saying was true. We did that because we believed God's word over how we felt or how things appeared. God had already spoken in Genesis concerning our marriage. The change was not up to Him, it was up to us. Also we did not stop speaking after the marriage got better. We continued to speak the same things and continue to do so today. This works in every aspect of your life. God is meticulous and He is concerned about the small things in your life as well as what we consider the great things in our lives.

Finally, death and life are in the power of the tongue. The word power here is the Hebrew word, Yad, it is the same word used for hand. How do you use your hands in the natural? We can think of hundred ways we use them. We can give and receive, we can build and defend; we can create, embrace or push away. You must see your mouth and use it as your hands in the spirit. When you speak, see the words doing what you say. This is faith in action and working to bring to pass naturally what you see spiritually. In due time, what you spoke will manifest itself in the natural. Speak correctly and make it a great day.

**Blessings and Peace,**

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