

# Restoring Godly Speech

**We are Interceding for Restoration of our Country's  
Covenant Relationship with God.**

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## ***Words Reveal Character***

*“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad  
and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit.*

*You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good?  
**For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.***

*The good man brings out of his good treasure what is good;  
and the evil man brings out of his evil treasure what is evil.*

*But I tell you that every careless word that people speak,  
they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.*

*For by your words you will be justified,  
and by your words you will be condemned.”*

Matthew 12:33-37

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## **RESTORATION OF VIRTUES IN CHRIST JESUS TO CREATE A CULTURE OF HOLINESS**

### ***A Culture of Holiness is on the Foundation of Godly Virtues***

We are living in a low point for language, speech and communication in today's culture. It is detrimentally easy to quickly fire off a missive, a text, a message on social media, and to do so anonymously which adds to the ease of shooting viperous words. This is not godly. It is not godly to be fast and loose with aggressive speech. There is a lack of discipline and

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underlying value for virtues of speech. Yet God's Word makes it very clear: **we will be held accountable for every careless word out of our mouth.** (Matthew 21:36)

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### Hebrew Origins of Speech, Words

There are a few different Hebrew words for speech and words. The central one is *dabar*. Interestingly "da" means "this" and "bar" means "son". As if to say, "this creation". Words are creational. Another Hebrew word for speech, *omer*, also mean "promise". As in, you give your word. One example is in Psalm 68:11, "*The Lord gives the command...*". Also translated, "*The Lord gave the word...*". And again in Psalm 77:8, "*Have His promises ended for all time?*"

"*In the beginning God created (bā-rā) man.*" So, "Word" = creational = unwavering = promise, that which shall not be changed or altered.

God is calling us to be in complete integrity with what comes out of our mouths... mean what you say, say what you mean, honor your word. How different would our relationships and world be if everyone honored their word?

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## ***Coming Before Lord God Adonai***

- ◆ LORD God Heavenly Father, as part of “Restoring Eden” and “Creating a Culture of Holiness”, we are called to restore the aspect of our character that is our speech and comes from our speech. Standing in the gap for our country, we pray for godly speech to be restored in our collective hearts and mouths, that people will be convicted to return to civility and dignity — ***For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.***
- ◆ Dear Lord God Adonai, just Judge, as Intercessors standing in the gap for our beloved America, we come to petition Your help in restoring godly speech and communications, as a reflection of our inner virtues and values of godliness. Help us to reflect You in our speech with one another as a people. For Matthew 12:34 shares: *“For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.”*
- ◆ Indeed Jesus teaches in Matthew 12:34-37: *“For the mouth speaks from that which fills the heart. The good person brings out of his good treasure good things; and the evil person brings out of his evil treasure evil things. But I tell you that for every careless word that people speak, they will give an account of it on the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”*
- ◆ We come before You interceding for our nation, to repent first and foremost for our own sins of the tongue, and also for the Body of Christ and our society at large. We know we need your help in reforming our tongues and our speech, our habits with words and ways of communications with one another. We are asking for your help now.

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## *Sins of the Mouth*

- ◆ Heavenly Father, I repent for all the sins of my own mouth: unkind words; harsh, insensitive, vindictive or careless words that have hurt others; slander and gossip which maligned the character of others; swearing and vulgarity; jokes that you do not approve of; for as Jesus warns in Matthew 12:36: *“But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.”*
- ◆ I repent and apologize to all those I have hurt through my unholy and unkind words; especially those that I spoke out of vindictiveness, cruelty, hurt and pridefulness; especially to or about a brother or sister in Christ Jesus. I repent for all the harsh and nasty words I have thrown out to the world through social media, stinging and angry sentiments that were not constructive to Your Kingdom purposes, that did not rightly represent You as a child of God.
- ◆ Heavenly Father, I am convicted by Your Word in Matthew 15:11 which admonishes: *“It is not what enters the mouth that defiles the person, but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles the person.”* Convict me LORD God, of what are the reparations of love that I should make for the defilements that have come out of my mouth.
- ◆ James 1:26-27 convicts me: *“If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man’s religion is worthless. Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.”*
- ◆ I take hold of Colossians 4:6, *I shall let my speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that I will know how I should respond to each person.*

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- ◆ LORD God, *“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer,”* according to Psalm 19:14. *“Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips,”* according to Psalm 141:3.
- ◆ I stand convicted by Proverbs 12:22 which says: *“Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal faithfully are His delight.”* I commit to dealing faithfully with honor and integrity, always honoring my word.

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### ***Heal My Heart's Cause of Speech***

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, I understand that what comes out of the mouth is a reflection of and an expression of what is in the heart. If bitterness or anger are in the heart, then bitter words come out of the mouth. Heal my heart Lord God, and the source and cause of all ungodly speech, words and ways of speaking in me.
- ◆ For Your Word in James 1:26 makes clear: *“If anyone thinks himself to be religious, yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this person's religion is worthless.”*
- ◆ As Jesus in Matthew 15:17-19 admonishes: *“Do you not understand that everything that goes into the mouth passes into the stomach, and is eliminated? But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders.”* So Dear God Abba, find and route out the leaven in my heart; all the sources and causes of unclean language and speech — the defenses, rebellious spirit, the hubris and hastiness, bad habits, the pride that

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refuses to acknowledge my unattractive faults and vices. I have no excuses. I have been found out. Cleanse me O LORD.

- ◆ Help me Lord God, to possess a *“heart of the wise”*, as Proverbs 16:23 describes: *“The heart of the wise instructs his mouth and adds persuasiveness to his lips.”* There is no wisdom in antagonism or haughtiness, and needing to be right.
- ◆ Heavenly Father, *“Acquit me of hidden faults. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, Lord, my rock and my Redeemer,”* according to Psalm 19:12 & 14.
- ◆ Heavenly Father, I understand that part of discipline is disciplining the heart and its unpredictable emotions and reactions. Proverbs 15:28 *“The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.”* Help me LORD God, to be disciplined in You.

### **Sweeten My Tongue**

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, sweeten my tongue, sweeten the tongues of Your sons and daughters, that *“our speech must always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that we will know how we should respond to each person”*, according to Colossians 4:6.
- ◆ Lord God, convict Your sons and daughters according to Proverbs 16:24, to always have *“pleasant words like a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.”*
- ◆ LORD God, sweeten my tongue with silence, with noble restraint and godly discipline, to discern the time to keep silence and the time to speak up, according to Ecclesiastes 3:7.

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### ***Make Holy My Tongue***

- ◆ I pray, Lord God, that you make *“the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, Lord, my rock and my Redeemer,”* according to Psalm 19:14.
- ◆ I take hold of Proverbs 12:13-14, *“But the righteous will escape from trouble. A person will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his words.”*
- ◆ *“Set a guard, Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips,”* according to Psalm 141:3-4.

### ***Use My Tongue to Bring Healing***

- ◆ Dear Heavenly Father, just as a harsh tongue can shred a heart, loving words and a soothing voice can actually heal. *“There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing,* according to Proverbs 12:18.
- ◆ LORD God, I commit to not letting unwholesome, foul, profane, worthless, vulgar words ever come out of my mouth, but *only such speech as is good for building up others, according to the need and the occasion, so that it will be a blessing to those who hear me,* according to Ephesians 4:29.
- ◆ LORD God, fill my heart and the source and cause of all my speech with Your Holy Spirit. Make me an instrument of Your healing, that I may speak healing words, words of consolation and inspiration. Make my voice and speech healing and soothing, uplifting and a blessing; that Your Holy Spirit will rest upon those who receive my words.
- ◆ Heavenly Father, I surrender to You my tongue and the source and cause of all my words and speech. Refine my speech as silver in Your fire, that all my words and speech shall be creational for Your kingdom

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come; all my words and speech shall be Your truth, Your love, Your heart and Your will.

- ◆ LORD God, I take hold of Your Word in Luke 6:45 and commit to embodying it: *“The good person out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil person out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.”*
- ◆ Heavenly Father, I commit to being an imitator of YOU LORD God, as Ephesians 5:1-2, *“Therefore become imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father]; and walk continually in love [that is, value one another—practice empathy and compassion, unselfishly seeking the best for others], just as Christ also loved us and gave Himself up for us, an offering and sacrifice to God a sweet fragrance.”*

### SEALING PRAYER:

*“Therefore I consider the members of my earthly body  
as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed,  
which amounts to idolatry  
For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon  
the sons of disobedience,  
and in them I also once walked, when I was living in them.  
But now I also put them all aside:  
anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from my mouth.  
I shall not lie to others, since I laid aside the old self with its evil practices,  
and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge  
according to the image of the One who created me.”*

Colossians 3:5-10