

Doctrine of Sin #4

Welcome back and here we go! Today we will discuss everyone's favorite topic - *Sins of the Tongue!*

Remember, these studies aren't meant to condemn us --- rather they are meant to encourage us. If you feel convicted, you are in a good place. If you recognize yourself in any area today and

- a) Excuse it
- b) Feel nothing

You may have *a stronghold*.

- 1) What is a stronghold?

Quick Review: Three types of sin and three ways to sin:

- A. Imputed, Inherited, Personal
- B. Mental, Tongue, Overt.

Proverbs 6:16-19 ***'These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.'***

from "Grace Notes", page 8

THE SINS THAT GOD HATES

In the Bible passage ***Proverbs 6:16-19*** are listed seven things that God the Father despises. The paragraph cited uses the phrase "an abomination unto Him" to indicate God's attitude of repugnance toward the sins listed there. Four of the sins are sins of the tongue; two are mental attitude sins; and one sin, murder, is an open sin.

- 2) Why do you think sins of the tongue are so devastating?

from "Grace Notes", page 8

Sins of the tongue are motivated by mental sins such as arrogance, jealousy, bitterness, vindictiveness, implacability, hatred, mental adultery, pettiness, envy, guilt feelings, etc. All of these sins are focused at other people at one time or another. When someone reaches out to attack another person, the tongue is used to voice the inner mental sins which are already present. Such talk may be direct and scathing, even vulgar. Or the talk may be subtle, refined, intellectual, even couched in Christian terms. *"There is a matter that I need to share with you as a prayer request; this is just between us spiritual believers..."*

- 3) *"Sins of the Tongue are always motivated by mental sins."* What does this mean?

James 3:1-7

4) How can a person tame their tongue?

Ephesians 4:17-22

Renewing our mind --- replacing old attitudes and thoughts --- putting on the new person.....

As we look at types of *Sins of the Tongue*, don't be afraid to admit to yourself where you need to improve. But also, don't allow conviction to be turned into condemnation!

The enemy loves to take what was meant for good and make it bad --- the opposite of what God intends.

Types of Sins of the Tongue (from Grace Notes)

5) What is the difference between sharing and gossip?

I ask this question because all of us know information about others.

from "Grace Notes", page 9

HOW TO HAVE VICTORY OVER SINS OF THE TONGUE

1. Grow daily in conformity with the Lord Jesus Christ
2. Ask God the Father for provision and protection in this area.
3. Confess this sin each time you are convicted of it.
4. Learn to recognize all of the verbal sins – some are obvious, some are subtle.
5. Keep silent during discussion of a bad situation.
6. Keep silent during discussion of another person.
7. Keep silent.

RULE: Do not pass on derogatory or uncomplimentary information about anyone, unless the Word of God has given you the specific authority and responsibility to do so, and the person you are informing likewise has responsibility in the situation and a need-to-know the information.

Psalms 34:11-14

James 1:19-20 'So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.'

I pray all of us grow in understanding.

#1 Most sins of the tongue begin with a mental attitude.

#2 We can change our mental attitude.

#3 True graciousness requires a lack of mental attitude sins towards people.

Next week **NO BIBLE STUDY DUE TO preparing for the Parking Lot Sale.**

In two weeks, *"The Solution to Sin"*.