



# What Truly Defiles A Man



The Mouth is Connected to, and is an outlet for the heart (mind).

- Proverbs 4: 23-24 “Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life...”
- Matthew 12: 33-37
- Matthew 15: 10-11 (Inlet and Outlet)
  - James 3:6
- Mark 7: 14-23



# Our Speech Reveals Who We Are:

- Judges 12: 5-6 (Shibboleth vs Sibboleth)
- Matthew 26:73
  - “Surely you too are one of them; for even the way you talk gives you away.”
- Acts 4:13




# Paul to the Ephesians:

- Ephesians 4:29

- “Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment...”

- Ephesians 5: 3-4

- “And there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting...”



# Our Lips and Ears

- “If your lips would keep from slips,  
Five things observe with care:  
Of whom you speak, to whom you speak,  
And how and when and where.”
- James 3:2
  - “If anyone does not stumble in what he says,  
he is a perfect man...”



# Those 5 Things are Addressed in God's Word:

- “How we speak”
  - Colossians 4:6
  - I Peter 3:15
- “To whom we speak”
  - Acts 23: 1-5; Exodus 22:28
  - I Timothy 5:1



- “When we speak”

- Ecclesiastes 3:7

- Ephesians 4:29

- James 1:19

- “Where we speak”

- I Corinthians 14: 19; 34

- Ecclesiastes 10:20

- “Of whom we speak”

- Exodus 20:7 “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain...”



# Our guaranteed freedom of speech

- If you will hear Jesus on this matter...
  - “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.”

