

SHARING THE WORD OF TRUTH #1

JAMES 1:26

October 12, 2008 Sunday Morning

INTRODUCTION:

In the light of God's goodness, James says that every Christian should respond to Him in loving obedience by receiving the Word of Truth, by practicing the Word of Truth, and by sharing the Word of Truth.

18. In the light of God's goodness are you sharing the Word of Truth?

James says that there are three ways in which we are to share the Word of Truth:

1. THROUGH OUR SPEECH

Religious=the external ceremonials or rituals which man performs in order to please God (public worship)

Professing Christians have the appearance of genuineness, but their ritualistic religion is empty, therefore, void of reality.

The true test of a man's religious activities is his ability to control his tongue.

Bridle=self-control of a very wild member of the body Ps.39:1

If a man has a corrupt tongue, a lying tongue, or a gossiping tongue as a habit of life, he only seems to be a true believer. He is a counterfeit.

a. The corrupt tongue Eph.4:29

The sin of speaking rotten, filthy words destroys the testimony one has for Christ.

A Christian with a foul mouth never promotes growth in the body of Christ.

b. The lying tongue Eph.4:25

What is a lie? Any word spoken with the intention to deceive others.

All habitual liars have Satan as their father. John 8:44

c. The gossiping tongue I Tim.5:13

Gossip=any report revealing a personal or sensational fact that could harm another person's character

Busybody=one who moves around prying into the affairs of others and then distort the facts to harm them

The Gospel is good news; whereas gossip is bad news.

The key to correcting a corrupt, lying, gossiping tongue is Psalms 141:3.

Deceive=self-deception, a sin against common sense, to cheat one's own heart of truth

Vain=useless, empty, worthless worship of God

As a Christian your every word should share with others what your transformed heart is made of, the holy pure character and attributes of our Lord Jesus Christ. Matt.12:35