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What Comes Out of Your mouth?

Lets us consider one another to provoke, urge, prick, to make sharper unto love and good deeds. Heb 10:24

So.... Let me urge you my brothers and sisters to find the love God has placed within you and begin to let that out!

One thing I've noticed about several of the brothers that I've come across is that they have a love for God that *appears* to go deep. You see they're busy letting everyone know that they're a Christian, yet so many continue to sound like the Israelites in the desert. God provides everything, yet what's placed before them is "trash" to them... The judges, lawyers, prosecutors, victims and "the system" is trash". What I've come to see is that my "life was trash, but thank God he's in the "trash" recycling business. AMEN!

One thing the enemy is good at is deception. He's the master of it. He's perfect at it. Remember the story of Mary and Martha in the Bible? In Luke 10 Martha received Jesus, but as Jesus was ministering to them, Martha was too busy running around doing what she thought was necessary. I'm sure she was doing good things, yet out of the abundance of her heart, her mouth spoke "Lord, you don't even care that I'm all by myself, that I'm doing it all." Perhaps she was calling her work "trash" or even her sister the same. What she was really saying was "What about me? What about me?"

Perhaps James 4:7-17 says it all best:

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

The tongue is wild. We might not be able to tame it, but we sure could lock it up in the zoo for awhile. I hear so many men asking for God to "Give me this" and "Pray for this" for me and then I sit back and literally see them curse away their own blessing. The only thing that's "trash" is what comes out of that mouth. I have boldly said to some "And you eat with that mouth?" Some are convicted; others are still blind to the correlation of in James chapter 3.

We use our tongues to praise our Lord and Father, but then we curse people, whom god made like himself/ Praises and curses come from the same mouth! My brothers and sisters, this should not happen. Do good and bad water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree make olives, or can a grapevine make figs? No! And a well full of salty water cannot give good water. James 3:9-12

You can't do both. Period! Then the author invokes a remedy.

Show out of good conduct and behavior your works. James 3:13

Wise up men of God! Start listening to yourself! What's coming out of that mouth of yours? And the things you are doing, is your motivation pure? And while you're doing those things are you sounding like Martha? Sometimes it's best to set back and be a Mary. Sit listen and learn. Be slow to speak.

My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, James 1:19

This is the good wisdom, the wisdom from on high. Choose the good part. Choose the Word of God. You see, if you begin to fill yourself with the Word, your heart will be filled to overflowing. Then, out of the abundance of your heart, your mouth <u>will</u> speak. You won't find yourself arguing over silly, trivial things. You won't have the time to be envious or having to deal with all the drama of your surroundings. The Lord will take care of you in <u>all</u> things. Divine wisdom will surround you and fill you and help you understand your calling. This wisdom is from your Father. It is holy and clean.

Be ye holy; for I am holy. 1 Peter 1:16

Be at peace and gentle, meek, modest and kind (Heb 12:14). Don't be stubborn or obstinate, but yielding to others, always forgiving and performing acts of kindness. Be full of good fruits (Gal 5:22-23) having no respect of persons (James 2:1-10). Don't be a hypocrite! Be open, be honest, be genuine, and be true. Be a peacemaker. In Psalm 19: 1-4 it says, The heavens and the earth declare the glory of God. The day and night can't keep their mouths shut. But what are they saying? The very <u>things</u> we should be <u>shouting!</u> The glory of the Lord has come! The glory of the Lord has risen! Let it rise!

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer. Ps 19:14

Men and women of God know that the Christ filled life may have its ups and down and its dry spells, but I urge you during these next few months..Find God. He's waiting to hear from you. You are fit to be used of God. Know this: Don't be over whelmed to think that God, the creator of the universe, is willing to change the course of history in answer to the prayers of those of us that are willing to call out to Him in the middle of the desert or wilderness. Let what is in you come out. Expect the miracles and love of God to fall like rain.

Be blessed my fellow warriors! Be God's!

Your servant in Christ,

Chief