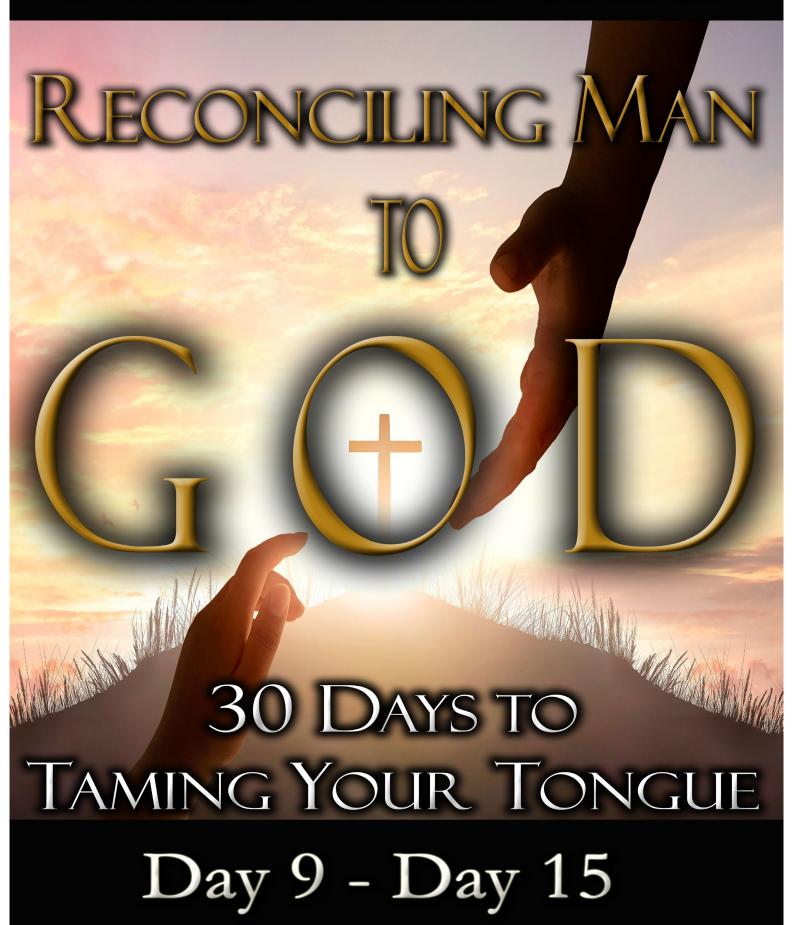


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Tongues We are Fasting from Part II

- 1. The Rude Tongue Ep 4:20-(32). Confession: I will slow down and take time to do unto others as I would have them do unto me. Rude can be defined as bad mannered, barbaric, discourteous, inconsiderate, savage, etc....
- 2. The Judgmental Tongue Matt 7:1-7. I do not judge others, or I too will be judged. For in the same way that I judge, I will be judged. Luke 6:41; Jn 7:24; 8:7; Gal 6:7-8.
- 3. The Self-Absorbed Tongue Philippians 2:4. Are most of your conversations centered on you?? We are commanded to look not to our own interest, but to the interest of others. Therefore, my issues are not the primary topic of my conversation. Confession: When I address people from now on, the conversations will not always be about me, my experiences, my job, my family, etc.... but about the Goodness of God and others.
- 4. The Cursing Tongue In this section we will address two types of cursing. The first uses the actual curse words and the second, speaking negative or declaring curses over others. Both are against the Word of God. James 3:10. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My Brethren, these things ought not to be so! Words are verbal thoughts. We must cast down every profane thought. We are commanded to bless them that curse us. I confess cursing does not proceed out of my mouth. Today I give God full charge of my tongue. By His Grace I will only speak words that will bring honor to His Name and bless His people.
- 5. The Complaining Tongue Psalm 142:1-2 A legitimate complaint can be resolved if you address the matter to the right person. But complaining displeases God and is contagious. Whenever you feel a complaining spirit coming, replace it with a statement of gratitude or a declaration of a Scripture you have personalized.
- 6. The Retaliating Tongue Root meaning of "Retaliate" is to return the punishment. 1 Peter 3:9. Do not pay evil for evil. There is nothing as easy as verbal retaliation. It is a way of getting indirect satisfaction. Romans 12:17-21. I will not pay back evil for evil or insult to insult, but with Blessings, because this, God has called us to do, so that we may please God and inherit a Blessing.
- 7. The Accusing Tongue Rev 12:10 Gen 3:9-11. We need Wisdom from God as to whether we should proclaim our innocence. Jesus didn't. Don't waste time tracking rumors and accusations. God is your vindicator. He can do a much better job. With God's help, today I will tune my ears to wisdom and concentrate on understanding. I will cry out for insight and God's perfect

- Will in the matter. I will search for them as I would for lost or hidden treasure.
- 8. The Discouraging Tongue Numbers 32:6-10; 21:4-7, Deut 1:20-28; Is 42:1-7; Col 3:21 Have you ever dampened someone's hope, confidence, or enthusiasm by raising objections to their proposed actions? Has anyone ever come to share exciting news with you, expecting you to share the excitement and when they left you, they were saddened? So many people have missed their destiny because of other people's discouragement or insulting remarks. Ep 3:20; Numbers 13:31-33; Numbers 14:36-40. God killed the discouragers and forced the entire multitude to turn back and wander in the wilderness. Worry weighs a person down; but encouraging words will cheer him up!
- 9. The Doubting Tongue Mark 11:23; Ps 91! The only solution for defeating a double tongue is knowing the Word of God! Apart from God we can do nothing. John 20:25. We walk by Faith, not by sight. Anything is possible for us if we believe. Therefore, I will declare my Faith rather than discuss my doubts.
- 10. The Loquacious Tongue (Motormouth) When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise. Proverbs 10:19-21. If we find ourselves amid a conversation, veering down the path of loquaciousness, try this: Stop talking and ask the other person a question that would cause him to respond. When our words are many, sin is not absent, but when I hold my tongue, we are considered wise. Pro 10:31; 11:13:13:2-3
- 11. The Indiscreet Tongue Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you. Proverbs 2:11 (Example Ham, Gen 9:18-29). Indiscretion can be very costly. Some subject matters should simply be off limits for discussion. Never discuss your salary, bonus or sex life with people who have no need to know! Have you ever found out some information about a leader or prominent person and could not refrain from telling it? Saints, if God trust us with sensitive information and we exploit the people and reveal someone's nakedness, we should stop and repent, right this minute and never do it again.
- 12. The Silent Tongue Ecclesiastes 3:1,7, there is a time for everything. Silence is golden. However, talking is essential to maintaining effective relationships. When we talk, it should be an exchange of valuable information. When we feel we have been wronged, we should do Matt 18:15. Silence is not golden when it flows against God's Word. A Japanese proverb states, "Silent worms dig holes in the walls." To keep silent when one should be speaking is a sure way to dig holes in your relationship.

Ladies and Gentlemen - Next week, we will begin positive confessions!!