*Tuesday, May 31, 2011*

**Word Of Mouth**

Proverbs 15:1-2 A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. (2) The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness. (KJV)

A fool is a poor excuse for a Christian because of the things that are pouring out of their mouth. All those words that just get haphazardly thrown out there will have eternal consequences if not put in check and dealt with properly. How do you respond to situations, is it in the Spirit or do you let your emotions take over by your rush to judgment in anger?

Proverbs 25:8-10 Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame. (9) Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself; and discover not a secret to another: (10) Lest he that heareth it put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away. (KJV)

Has this ever happened, you get all wound up and on the fight; you trash someone else with your mouth over something you are not really sure of? You know, in our minds we play out scenarios and situations that in reality never end up taking place. Rather than a ready, shoot, and then think about taking aim, a lot of heartache and frustration could have easily been avoided with just some simple one on one communication.

Proverbs 25:11-12 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. (12) As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprover upon an obedient ear. (KJV)

And so we get the flip side to all that anger and frustration, all that finger pointing and false accusations; a word fitly spoken, that you knew proceeded forth from the mouth of God and then flowed through you like a river of life and put an end to all that silly strife.

Ephesians 4:29-32 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. (30) And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. (31) Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: (32) And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. (KJV)

Do you always think that you have to get the last word in, or win the argument? The joy of the Lord is our strength, which is a reflection of our walk with God and how pleased He is with our obedience to His word. So grieving the Holy Spirit is not going to be too pleasant, and not something that you will be strengthened in either.

Romans 14:17-19 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. (18) For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. (19) Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. (KJV)

The simple fact is that God is not the author of confusion but of peace. If you are heading down a path that is not peaceable then that is the time to back off and leave the situation alone before you end up devouring one another.

Galatians 5:13-15 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. (14) For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. (15) But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. (KJV)

You may find yourself in a situation that you know God has set you free from and revealed His truth unto you, while someone else is doing all they can to push their agenda. Rather than engage, remember the fact that the greatest love that we can have is to lay our lives down for others. Sometimes that just means to keep your mouth shut and walk away.