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the fruit of our lips

have you ever considered the power of words? God literally "spoke" the world into existence. one might well say, "but i am not God." surely not, but our words still have power and it's impossible to "unsay" something.

the bible tells us, "death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit." prov 18:21 we do eat it's fruit. words can build someone up or inflict a deeper wound than a sword. you can confess what God says or like job, have "the thing i greatly feared has come upon me." job 3:25

i have often regretted saying something. i think we all have. the apostle james tells us, "even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. see how great a forest a little fire kindles!" james 3:5 he warns us to "bridle" it, much like a horse is bridled to control it.

so our lips produce fruit. what kind of fruit are your lips producing? the bible says we can speak to a mountain and have it cast into the sea. there are mouths that "speak to the people all the words of this life." act 5:20 then there are those "whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness." rom 3:14 "out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. my brethren, these things ought not to be so." james 3:10

we are made in His image and have god-like qualities.

certainly we need to guard all our senses but it is the tongue alone that carries such power. are your words literally speaking something into existence? if so, shouldn't we be watchful as to how fruitful they are. do they advance the kingdom or hinder it? do they lust or love? do they exalt man or God?

be careful. be very careful. others have words also. only those in His will can combat words with effective words. "every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. this is the heritage of the servants of the Lord." isa 54:17

"do not be rash with your mouth, and let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. for God is in heaven, and you on earth; therefore let your words be few." eccl 5:2 measure them out like treasure. "he who guards his mouth preserves his life, but he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction." prov 13:3

our lips were made to produce fruitful things. i can think of nothing more fruitful than the following. with my tongue i freely "confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." phil 2:11 won't you join me in that confession if you haven't already?