

A Breach In the Spirit

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Proverbs 15:4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.

- I. First of all, a wholesome tongue is a tree of life.
 - A. Wholesome refers to healthy, or that which promotes health, in this case referring to the spiritual health, or the wellbeing of the soul.
 - B. Just as we would not eat something which we know will harm us or make us sick, neither would we take in through our ears that which is sure to be bad for our spirit and soul.
 - C. Most of us seek out to eat that which we like, that which is pleasant to us, and does not make us sick.
 - D. But it is probably also true that we are not as careful with what comes through our ears or what goes out of our mouth.

Proverbs 12:18 There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.

- E. The words of the wise are what we should seek out because they will be health to our soul and spirit.
- F. Not only will they be good for our soul in the long run but they are pleasant right now:

Proverbs 16:24 Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

Proverbs 15:23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!

Proverbs 27:9 Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel.

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

- G. What kind of words come out of the mouth is the basic evidence of whether a person is a fool or wise.

Proverbs 23:15-16 My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine. Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

Proverbs 17:21 He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.

Proverbs 15:2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

- II. Perverseness in the tongue IS a breach of the spirit.

BREACH, n.

- 1. The act of breaking; or state of being broken; a rupture; a break; a gap; the space between the severed parts of a solid body parted by violence; as a breach in a garment, or in a wall.

4. Separation between friends by means of enmity; difference; quarrel.
5. Infraction; injury; invasion; as a breach upon kingly power.
6. Bereavement; loss of a friend and its consequent affliction.
7. A violation of the public peace, as by a riot, affray, or any tumult which is contrary to law, and destructive to the public tranquillity, is called a breach of the peace.

- A. So a breach is basically a break, a crack, an opening; it means a separation into two parts what was one; broken, busted.
 1. It is an opening in the wall, or a break in the line of defense, that is like a door for the enemy to come in.
 2. It is a separation between friends or family that has been caused by words that come from a perverse tongue.

Proverbs 18:14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?

- B. Perverseness in the tongue is the evidence of a breach in the spirit.
- C. We are to keep (guard) our hearts with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life. (Proverbs 4:23)

Proverbs 25:28 He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

- D. When our tongue speaks perverseness it is evidence that our spirit has been breached by the enemy and he has sown lies in our mind and heart.
- E. To speak perverseness simply means to speak contrary to truth.
 1. It is to reason with false information, while being fully convinced we are right.
 2. It is to turn from truth or to distort it, and it is to turn from its proper use or end.
 3. It also carries the meaning of viciousness, so it is an aggressive and angry opposition to truth or to facts as they are.
- F. So we can be sure that what we are witnessing in the world around us is a spiritual problem and we need to deal with it as such.

III. Perverseness in the tongue causes a breach in the spirits of others.

- A. Those who speak lies and promote crooked thinking and perverseness are like a toxic weed that puts off its superabundance of seed.
- B. Their poisonous words, which express their perverted and ungodly thoughts, spread like a crippling disease.
- C. They are a “psychological contagion,” which is simply a term someone came up with that describes a breach in the spirit.
- D. They break through the defenses of the heart and spirit through the mind and then the enemy is inside and able to do much harm.
- E. The ridiculous reasoning and arguments that we hear from a lot of people that are so far from truth and reality are the voices of the evil spirits that have entered into that person’s spirit through the breach that was made from perverse words they listened to.
- F. Perverseness in the tongue is not just lies or fantasies, though.
 1. It is also words spoken with the intention to hurt and harm.
 2. It is words spoken carelessly that hurt or harm.
 3. It is words that are repeated without verifying their validity that are later proven false or misleading.

4. It is words spoken in anger that cut like knives.
 5. All these kinds of words are not health to the soul, but cause a breach in the spirit.
 - a) In the spirit of the one who is speaking as well as the one who is the target of them.
 6. It causes an opening for the devil and his lies to get through into the heart, mind, and spirit of both the one who has the perverse tongue and the one who is the victim of it.
- G. A breach in the wall, or in the line of defense, is hard to defend against an enemy.
1. It is like an open door or window.
 2. A breach in our spirit makes us much more vulnerable to an invasion by the enemy.

IV. Now we know the main way that the devil and his evil spirits get a foothold in the hearts, minds, and spirits of people – it is through the words that come out of the mouths of other people.

- A. We also know that if anyone is thinking and talking contrary to truth and reality it is because their spirit has been breached by evil, lying spirits.
- B. So then knowing these facts from the Scripture we should deal with this matter in the spiritual realm and not with carnal weapons, such as debates, reasoning, apologetics, etc.
- C. Neither should we try to deal with it by trying to feed them spiritual pabulum thinking that will cure them.
- D. First, we need to start with our own heart and spirit and look at ourselves honestly about what kind of words come out of our mouths.

[Proverbs 4:24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.](#)

1. Is there perverseness in my tongue?
 2. Are my words health and joy and encouragement to others, or do I spread a plague with my words.
 3. We must realize the gravity and the long-lasting consequences of what we say and how we say it.
 4. To our children, to our spouse, to other people.
- E. Then we need to discipline our own minds to recognize this problem in others and realize what is wrong with them and why they are thinking and talking so crazy.
1. It seems like we simply hear the nonsense and we just marvel and say, “I can’t understand how they think like that.”
 2. God gives to those who put their lives in his hands a “sound mind.”
 3. Those who do not submit their mind, heart, soul, and life to God are wide open to the devil and all the evil spiritual power that exist.
 4. What we see in this insanity all around us is spiritual warfare that Satan is winning big time right now.
 5. He is winning because so few know this truth that we have read from the Scriptures just now.
 6. The porous borders of our country right now are a pretty good picture of the spirits of people now, too.
 7. The walls have been breached and no one is paying attention while the enemies are pouring in.
 8. We must wake up to this truth and start fighting the good fight of faith by guarding our spirit, and we do that with the words we speak and the words we listen to.