WORDS : LIFE OR DEATH

1. WORDS SPOKEN TO OTHERS.................. Proverbs 18:21 - "Death & life are in the power of the tongue: & they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." Matthew 12:37 - "For by your words you will be justified and by your words you will be condemned or sentenced."

-Ecc. 10:12 - "The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious."
-James 1:19 - "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath."
-Proverbs 15:1 - "A soft answer turns away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger."
-Proverbs 17:27 - "He who has knowledge spares his words, and a man of understanding has a cool spirit."
-Psalms 37:30 - "The mouth of the (uncompromisingly) righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks with justice."
-Colossians 4:6 - "Let your speech at all times be gracious..."
-Ecc.3:7 - "...a time to keep silent and a time to speak."
-I Thess. 5:11 - "Therefore encourage (admonish, exhort) one another and edify (strengthen & build-up) one another, just as you are doing."

2. WORDS SPOKEN ABOUT OTHERS...............NOTE: CHANGE YOUR THINKING, THEN YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR WORDS!!! (in any situation) YOU CAN TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR THOUGHTS !!!

-Proverbs 23:7 - "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."
-II Corinthians 10:3-5 - For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; CASTING DOWN IMAGINATIONS and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and BRINGING INTO CAPTIVITY EVERY THOUGHT TO THE OBEEDIENCE OF CHRIST.
-Luke 6:38 - "Give & it shall be given unto you..."
WHAT YOU GIVE OUT WILL COME BACK TO YOU. IF YOU CRITICIZE, YOU'LL REAP CRITICISM. IF YOU JUDGE OTHERS, OTHERS WILL JUDGE YOU. IF YOU BLESS OTHERS, YOU'LL RECEIVE BLESSINGS & BE A BLESSING.
-Galatians 6:7 - "Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."
GET YOUR MIND IN LINE WITH THE WORD OF GOD. WHAT DOES THE WORD SAY? (Phil. 4:8 - "think on these things.")
BEGIN THINKING LIKE GOD THINKS.
-I Cor. 2:16 - "We have the mind of Christ."

NOTE: WHEN YOU ALLOW YOUR MIND TO THINK EVIL (or negative) ABOUT SOMEONE, THEN YOUR MIND WILL MANIFEST THROUGH YOUR WORDS.
NEVER SPEAK WORDS ABOUT SOMEONE THAT WILL TEAR DOWN OR DESTROY THEIR CHARACTER OR REPUTATION. REMEMBER GOD IS THE JUDGE. WE ARE COMMANDED TO BLESS & LOVE OUR ENEMIES. NO MATTER WHAT.

-Titus 3:2 - "...speak evil of no man."

-Eph. 4:29 & 30 - "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying."

-James 3:8-11 (vs. #9) - "Therewith bless we God, even the Father, & therewith curse we men;...(vs. #10) - "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing & cursing. My brethren, those things ought not so to be."

-Proverbs 21:23 - "He who guards his mouth & his tongue keeps himself from troubles."

-Psalms 141:3 - "Set a guard, O Lord, before my mouth, keep watch at the door of my lips."

-Psalms 15:1-3 - "He who does not slander with his tongue..."

-Proverbs 4:20 - "Put away from you false & dishonest speech & willful & contrary talk put far from you."

-Proverbs 8:6 - "Hear, for I will speak excellent & princely things, & the opening of my lips shall be for right things."

-Proverbs 6:16 & 19 - ..."the Lord hates ...A false witness who breathes out lies (even under oath), & he who sows discord among his brethren."

-Proverbs 11:9 - "With his mouth the godless destroys his neighbor, but through knowledge & superior discernment shall the righteous be delivered."

-Leviticus 19:16 (NIV) - "Do not go about spreading slander among your people."

-Proverbs 18:8 - "The words of a tale-bearer are as wounds, & they go down into the innermost parts of the belly."

-Exodus 20:16 - "You shall not witness falsely against your neighbor."

-Proverbs 20:19 - "A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much."

-I Peter 3:8-10 - "Never return evil for evil or insult (scolding, tongue-lashing, berating) ...

-Matthew 5:44 - "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you & pray for them which despitefully use you, & persecute you."

-Matthew 7:1 & 2 - "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: & with what measure ye mete; it shall be measured to you again."

-Psalms 12:3 - "May the Lord cut off all flattering lips & the tongues that speak proud boasting."

-Proverbs 6:12 - "A worthless person, a wicked man, is he who goes about with a perverse (contrary, wayward) mouth."

-Proverbs 17:20 - "He who has a wayward & crooked mind finds no good, & he who has a willful & contrary tongue will fall into calamity."

-James 4:1 - "My brethren do not speak evil about or accuse one another. He that maligns a brother or judges his brother is maligning & criticizing the law & judging the law..." (love your neighbor as yourself)
-Phil. 2:3 - "...let each esteem OTHERS better than themselves."
(Also see: I Thess. 5:11 and Romans 12:3)
-Phil. 3:20 - "FOR OUR CONVERSATION IS IN HEAVEN..."
-I Thess. 5:12 & 13 - "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, & are over you in the Lord, & admonish you: (#13) and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves."

3. WORDS SPOKEN OVER YOURSELF.............Psalms 19:14 - "Let the words of my mouth & the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Strength & my Redeemer."

-Phil. 4:13 - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
-Numbers 13:30 & 31 - "We are well able to overcome it... (#31) we be not able to go up..."
-Psalms 103:5 - "Who satisfies your mouth with good....
-Proverbs 12:13 & 14 - "From the fruit of his words a man shall be satisfied..."
-Matthew 12:36 - "But I tell you, on the day of judgment men will have to give account for EVERY IDLE (inoperative, nonworking) word they speak."
-Proverbs 13:2 & 3 - "A good man eats good from the fruit of his mouth, but the desire of the treacherous is for violence. He who guards his mouth keeps his life, but he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin."
-Proverbs 12:18 - "There are those who speak rashly, like the piercing of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing."
-Proverbs 15:4 - "A gentle tongue (with its healing power) is a tree of life, but willful contrariness in it breaks down the spirit."
-Ephesians 5:4 - "Let there be no filthiness (obscenity, indecency) nor foolish & sinful (silly & corrupt) talk nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting or becoming; but instead voice your thankfulness (To God)."
-Phil. 2:14 - "Do all things without murmuring or disputing."

DON'T COMPLAIN !!!

-Psalms 34:1 - "I will bless the lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth."
-Exodus 4:12 - "Now therefore go, & I will be with your mouth & will teach you what you shall say."
-Matthew 12:37 - "For by your words you will be justified & acquitted, & by your words you will be condemned & sentenced."
-Psalms 34:13 - "keep your tongue from evil & your lips from speaking deceit."
-Proverbs 6:2 - "You are snared with the words of your lips, you are caught by the speech of your mouth."
-Proverbs 27:2 - "Let another man praise you, & not your own mouth, a stranger, & not your own lips."
-Phil. 2:14 - "Do all things without grumbling & faultfinding & complaining (against God) & questioning & doubting (among yourselves)."
-Proverbs 18:20 - "A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; & with the increase of his lips shall he be filled."
-Psalms 107:2 - "Let the redeemed of the Lord SAY SO...."
-Psalms 103:5 - "Who satisfieth thy mouth with GOOD THINGS; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagles." (note: Watch what you say. Talk positive & pleasant, it will keep you looking young!!!)
-John 6:63 - "My (Jesus) words are spirit & life."

4. SPEAKING GOD'S WORD OVER EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE........
Romans 4:17 - "calling those things that are not as though they were."

-Mark 11:23 - "For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, 'Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea.' and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith."
-Romans 10:8 - "The Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth & in thy heart, that is the WORD OF FAITH which we preach."

NOTE: CONFESS THE WORD DAY & NIGHT OVER ALL YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES & WATCH THE WORD WORK FOR YOU !!!
WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR THINKING, YOU WILL CHANGE YOUR SPEAKING.
BAD THOUGHTS PRODUCE BAD CROPS. GOOD THOUGHTS PRODUCE A GOOD HARVEST.
WHEN A THOUGHT COMES INTO YOUR MIND, IT IS UP TO YOU - O - U WHETHER YOU WILL DWELL ON IT OR DISCARD IT.
THROW NEGATIVE THOUGHTS INTO YOUR SPIRITUAL WASTEBASKET.
LINE YOUR THOUGHTS UP WITH GOD'S WORD.
YOU WILL KNOW A MAN'S THOUGHTS BY WHAT HE SPEAKS.

-Romans 12:2 - ..."be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, & acceptable, & perfect will of God."

DISCIPLINE YOUR MIND TO DWELL ON THE WORD OF GOD - WHAT THE WORD SAYS.
(Romans 12:9 - ..."Abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good.")

THREE SOURCES WE RECEIVE THOUGHTS:

1. YOUR FIVE SENSES.

(Get over it. Don't think about the hurt. Don't talk about it or rehearse it. Forgive. Forget. GO ON WITH YOUR LIFE. The "fire" will go out if you don't repeat it or think about it, dwell on it, or talk about it. THINK POSITIVE. MEDITATE ON THE WORD. Give your cares to the Lord.
See: I Peter 5:7 / Psalms 55:22 )

2. THE DEVIL.

(Ephesians 6:12 - "For we wrestle not against flesh & blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."
THE POWERS speaking here are YOUR THOUGHTS. Allowing oppressive
spirits to bombarb your thought life.
RULERS OF THE DARKNESS OF THIS WORLD are demonic spirits that are possessing one. (who is not a born again believer)
Remember James 4:7 - "Resist the devil & he will flee from you."

3. GOD.

(By His Holy Spirit into your heart & mind. GOD DEALS WITH YOUR SPIRIT. THE SENSES DEAL WITH YOUR MIND.
Romans 8:6-8 - "For to carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life & peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."

CLOSING:
LORD, HEAL MY TONGUE

1. Recognize the area where you have sinned with your mouth. (Psalms 51:10)

2. Repent & confess your sin to God. (I John 1:9)

3. Refuse to go back to your former conversation. (Psalms 34:13)

4. Meditate & confess God's Word (daily) over your tongue, that it will be an instrument of blessing, not cursing, breakthrough, not destruction. (Psalms 39:1) (Psalms 71:24) (Joshua 1:8 - "This Book shall not depart out of thy mouth but thou shalt meditate therein day & night, that thou mayest observe to do according to ALL that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous & then thou shalt have GOOD SUCCESS." )