

# ***Fort Payne church of Christ***



## **The Weekly Moment**

*A Weekly Motivational Message*

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

### ***A Word "Unfitly Spoken"***

Solomon declared, *"He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction."* (Prov 13:3) Undoubtedly, there is great power in the tongue to do good or evil. *"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."* (Prov 25:11), but an inappropriate word can do great harm. This proverb likely describes the beauty of a word spoken appropriately and at the right time. Perhaps it could be a reminder to God's people today that their own words should be wisely chosen for the time in which we live.

God is concerned about proper speech emanating from man's mouth. Two of the Ten Commandments refer to sins of the tongue (Ex 20:7, 16). Three of the seven things God hates relates to the tongue (Prov 6:16-19). The Scriptures say, *"...he who restrains his lips is wise"* (Prov 10:19). Words reveal the level of one's spirituality; they expose the condition of one's heart.

There are times in our lives that we do or say something that we know better; we just do it anyway. We do so, maybe, to impress someone or poke fun at someone. We might do so thinking that "it's just between the two of us so no harm."

Have you ever made a comment or a joke about an individual to another person that was not meant to be a compliment? It might seem harmless at the time, but certainly not something that you would say to the person directly. That person never knows what you said about them, but it was still harmful. The person you said it to might not react, but what opinion about your character have you now left?

A word "unfitly" spoken, however innocent, can bring more harm than one can imagine.

Think about it.

Here's hoping you'll make the *"most of your minutes"* this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study *soon!*

In Christian Love,

*Bob Strickland*