

Fruition-Self-Control

Allowing God to Produce Spiritual Fruit in Your Life - Part 9

Galatians 5:22-23 NLT *"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!"*

Proverbs 25:28 *"A man without self-control is as defenseless as a city with broken down walls."*

Anything uncontrolled can harm your relationships

Uncontrolled anger Pr. 29:11

Uncontrolled lust Pr. 6:26

Uncontrolled spending Pr. 21:20

Uncontrolled drinking Pr. 23:29-35

Uncontrolled ambition Pr. 23:4

The greatest destroyer of relationships: An uncontrolled TONGUE.

James 3:5-6 *"The tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself."*

Proverbs 13:3 *"Those who control their tongue will have a long life; opening your mouth can ruin everything"*

HOW TO MANAGE YOUR MOUTH

1. THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK.

Proverbs 16:23 *"From a wise mind comes wise speech; the words of the wise are persuasive."*

Proverbs 18:20 *"Wise words satisfy like a good meal; the right words bring satisfaction."*

Proverbs 20:25 *"Don't trap yourself by making a rash promise to God and only later counting the cost."*

2. ALWAYS SPEAK THE TRUTH.

Proverbs 24:26 *"An honest answer is like a kiss of friendship."*

Proverbs 28:23 *"In the end, people appreciate honest criticism far more than flattery."*

3. SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE.

Proverbs 12:18 *"Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing.."*

Proverbs 15:4

"Gentle words are a tree of life."

Proverbs 12:25 *"An encouraging word cheers a person up."*

4. ASK JESUS FOR HELP EVERYDAY.

Psalms 141:3 *"Take control of what I say, O Lord, and guard my lips."*

*"Help me, Lord, to keep my mouth shut!"*LB

Matthew 15:18 *"But the words you speak come from the heart – that's what defiles you."*

Ezekiel 18:31 *"Put all your rebellion behind you, and find yourselves a new heart and new spirit."*

James 1:26 *"If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless."*