

## Spiritual Gifts and Our Mouth

### I. Remember:

- A. Jesus used two parables which emphasize using spiritual gifts.
  - 1. Parable of the Talents (Matt 25:14-30)
  - 2. Parable of the Minas (Luke 19:12-27)
- B. There are heart issues that both enable and hinder us from using our gifts.
- C. Our feet speak about having the courage to take faith action.
- D. Our hands speak about our partnership with God;  
He extends his right hand of grace, and we embrace his hand with our right hand of faith obedience (action).

### II. Our Mouth is about our testimony and confession:

#### A. The mouth of the Lord:

Matt 4:4 we are to live by the Word that comes from the mouth of God

But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"

Matt 12:34-37 our mouth testifies to what is in our heart

34 " You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart. 35 " The good man brings out of his good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings out of his evil treasure what is evil. 36 "But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. 37 "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Prov 2:6 from the Lord's mouth comes knowledge, understanding and wisdom.

For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.

#### B. Jesus will judge everyone by the sword of His mouth.

Rev 1:16 Jesus returns with a two-edged sword in his mouth

In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.

Rev 19:15-21 Jesus exercises judgment with this sword

15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. 16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." 17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God, 18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great." 19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. 20 And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone 21 And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

### C. Mouth is a symbol of testimony.

#### 1. Our mouth can be used for good

Prov 8:7 to speak truth

"For my mouth will utter truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips."

Ps 71:8 to praise God

My mouth is filled with Your praise and with Your glory all day long.

#### 2. To proclaim the gospel

God speaks to mankind through the prophets, apostles and us.

Acts 3:18-22 But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. 19 "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; 20 and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, 21 whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.

Acts 8:35 Philip proclaims the gospel

Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him.

Eph 6:19 with our mouth we proclaim the gospel

and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

#### 4. Evil is released through the mouth.

Rom 3:14-15 the depravity of man is demonstrated by the words of his mouth

WHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS"; THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD,"

Rom 3:19 the purpose of the law was to eliminate all boasting.

Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God;

Col 3:8-10 the carnal nature expresses itself through our mouth.

8 But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, 10 and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him--

Eph 4:25 speaking the truth is the only way to overcome speaking lies

Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE of you WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another.

Eph 4:29 our mouth gets us in trouble by speaking words that are without grace.

29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

### III. How we view ourselves determines our destiny:

Gal 2:15 "We are Jews by nature and not sinners from among the Gentiles;

Rom 5:8-10 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

1 John 1:5-10 we will sin, however, we are not by nature sinners.

This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; 7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

### And our confession, which empowers us:

35 of 101 areas of my "Identity in Christ Study"

2 Cor 5:21 I am the righteousness of God in Christ

2 Pet 1:3-4 I Am a Partaker of God's Nature (Eph 4:23; Col 3:10; 1 John 4:17)

1 Peter 2:9 I am God's possession (Eph 1:14; Titus 2:14)

Rom 12:4-5 I Am Part of the Body of Christ

1 Cor 1:2 I Am a Saint (Eph 2:19; Col 1:12)

2Cor 5:17 I Am a New Creature (Gal 6:15; Eph 4:24)

Rom 4:13-14 I am an Heir of the Promise (Rom 8:17; Heb 6:17)

Gal 3:27 I am clothed with Christ (Eph 4:24; Col 3:10)

John 15:3 I Am Clean (Eph 5:26; 1 Cor 6:11)

Rom 4:3-13 I Am Righteous (Gal 2:21; 1 Cor 1:30)

1 Peter 1:21 I am a believer

Phil 4:13 I am able to do all things

1 Cor 12:27 I am a member of Christ (Rom 12:5; 1 Cor 3:23)

1 Cor 3:16 I am a temple of the Holy Spirit (Eph 2:21-22; 1 Pe 2:5)

Heb 2:11 I am a brother of Jesus (Jn 20:17; Rom 8:29).

Eph 2:19 I am a fellow - citizen with the saints (Phil 3:20; Heb 8:11)

2 Cor 5:14 I Am Controlled by the Love of God (1 Jn 4:19; Gal 5:22)

2 Ti 1:7 My Nature is not of Fear (Rom 8:15; Heb 2:14)

Eph 5:8 I am a light, of the light, of the day (1 Thes 5:5,8)

Rom 5:1-2 I Am Justified (Rom 5:9; 1 Cor 6:11)

Heb 2:11 I am sanctified (1 Thes 5:23)

Col 1:22 I am blameless (Eph 5:25-27)

John 1:12 I am a son of God (Gal 3:26; Rom 8:14-17)

Col 1:22 I am beyond reproach

Eph 1:6 I am accepted (Rom 15:7)

2 Cor 5:18-20 I Am Reconciled (Col 1:22)

Eph 1:11 I am chosen (1 Thes 1:4; John 15:19)

Rom 1:6 I am called of God (2 Tim 1:9; 1 Cor 1:24)

Eph 2:20-22 I am being built up (Col 2:7)

Eph 2:10 **I am God's Workmanship** (Phil 1:6; 2:13)  
Eph 2:19 **I Am of God's Household** (Heb 3:6)  
Rom 8:4-6; 9 **I am in the Spirit**  
2 Cor 5:18-21 **I am an ambassador for Christ**  
1 Thes 5:4 **I am not of the night** (Col 1:13-14)  
Rom 8:37 **I am an over-comer** (1 John 4:4; 2:13; 5:4)

#### **IV. Concluding thoughts on spiritual gifts:**

##### **A. We don't need to strive to find expression for our gifts.**

Prov 18:16 A man's gift makes room for him and brings him before great men.

Prov 25:14 Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of his gifts falsely.

##### **B. Maturity leads us to find someone to replace us.**

Rom 1:11 For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established;

1 Tim 4:14 Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery.

2 Tim 1:6-7 For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.

##### **C. Giftedness is not a sign of holiness.**

1 Cor 1:4-7 I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge, even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you, so that you are not lacking in any gift ,

Rom 11:29 for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

##### **D. The Holy Spirit gifts each member with a variety of gifts, ministries, effects and manifestation; which are to be used for the common good.**

1 Cor 12:4-7 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1 Cor 12:11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

#### **V. For further study on the topic of mouth:**

##### **A. From the International Standard Bible Encyclopedia**

(mouth) (peh, chekh, garon (Ps 149:6); Aramaic pum, tera (Dan 3:26); stoma, 71 times, once logos, i.e. "word of mouth," "speech" (Acts 15:27); once we find the verb epistomizo, "to silence," "to stop the mouth" (Titus 1:11)):

1. Literal Sense: In addition to frequent references to man and animals, "Their food was yet in their mouths" (Ps 78:30); "And Yahweh opened the mouth of the ass" (Num 22:28); "Save me from the lion's mouth" (Ps 22:21), etc., the term is often used in connection with

inanimate things: mouth of a sack (Gen 42:27); of the earth (4:11; 26:10); of a well (29:2-3,8,10); of a cave (Josh 10:18,22,27); of Sheol (Ps 141:7); of the abyss (Jer 48:28); of furnace (Aramaic *tera*, Dan 3:26); of idols (Ps 115:5; 135:16-17).

2. Figurative Sense: (1) The "mouth" denotes language, speech, declaration (compare "lips," "tongue," which see): "By the mouth of" is "by means of," "on the declaration of" (Luke 1:70; Acts 1:16); "Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be slain at the mouth of witnesses" (Num 35:30; compare Deut 17:6; Matt 18:16; Heb 10:28); "I will give you mouth and wisdom" (Luke 21:15); "fool's mouth" (Prov 18:7). (2) "Mouth" also denotes "spokesman": "He shall be to thee a mouth" (Ex 4:16).

Numerous are the idiomatic phrases which have, in part, been introduced into English by means of the language of the Bible. "To put into the mouth," if said of God, denotes Divine inspiration (Deut 18:18; Mic 3:5). "To have words put into the mouth" means to have instructions given (Deut 31:19; 2 Sam 14:3; Jer 19:1; Ex 4:11-16). "The fruit of the mouth" (Prov 18:20) is synonymical with wisdom, the mature utterance of the wise. "To put one's mouth into the dust" is equivalent with humbling one's self (Lam 3:29; compare "to lay one's horn in the dust," Job 16:15). Silent submission is expressed by "laying the hand upon the mouth" (Judg 18:19; Job 29:9; 40:4; Mic 7:16); compare "to refrain the lips"; see LIP. "To open the mouth wide" against a person is to accuse him wildly and often wrongfully (Ps 35:21; Isa 57:4), otherwise "to open one's mouth wide," "to have an enlarged mouth" means to have great confidence and joy in speaking or accepting good things (1 Sam 2:1; Ezek 33:22; 2 Cor 6:11; Eph 6:19). "To gape upon one with the mouth" means to threaten a person (Job 16:10). Divine rebuke is expressed by the "rod of God's mouth" (Isa 11:4), and the Messiah declares "He hath made my mouth like a sharp sword" (Isa 49:2; compare Rev 2:16; 19:15,21). Great anguish, such as dying with thirst, is expressed by "the tongue cleaving to the roof of the mouth" (Hebrew *chekh*, Job 29:10; Ps 137:6; compare 22:15).

#### B. From The New Unger's Bible Dictionary

(Heb. properly *peh*; Grk. *stoma*). In addition to its ordinary applications the Hebrews used the following idiomatic phrases: a mouth "smoother than butter" (Ps 55:21), i.e., a flattering mouth; a "deceitful mouth" (109:2).

Notice the following remarkable phrases: To speak "mouth to mouth," i.e., in person, without an interpreter or third party (Num 12:8; cf. 1 Kings 8:15; Jer 32:4, marg.); with "one mouth," i.e., with universal consent (Josh 9:2, marg.; cf. 1 Kings 22:13; 2 Chron 18:12); "to put words in his mouth," i.e., to suggest what someone else shall say (Ex 4:15; Num 22:38; 23:5,12; 2 Sam 14:19). To "be in your mouth" is to be frequently spoken of (Ex 13:9; Ps 34:1). To "put your hand over your mouth" is to be silent (Judg 18:19; Job 21:5; 40:4), for silence is enjoined by placing the finger upon the lip. To write "from the mouth of" anyone is to do so from his dictation (Jer 36:4, marg., cf. vv. 27, 32; 45:1, marg.). To inquire at "the mouth of the Lord" (Josh 9:14, marg.) is to consult with Him; while to set one's mouth "against the heavens" (Ps 73:9) is to speak arrogantly, blasphemously against God. God's word is called "the rod of His mouth" (Isa 11:4). The mouth is sometimes used for that which one speaks, as well as for the speaker himself (Ex 4:16; Num 3:16, marg.; Jer 15:19, marg.).