

5-C Questions: The Tongue: Your Rudder in Life

1. **Match the Greek words and their English meanings.** Some match more than once. One is already done for you:

| Greek | English |
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| <i>poneros</i> | tongue |
| <i>dikaioo</i> | evil |
| <i>glossa</i> | righteousness |
| <i>gehenna</i> | heart |
| <i>kardia</i> | grace |
| <i>charis</i> | hell |

| Greek | English |
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| <i>logos</i> | confession |
| <i>homologeō</i> | written word |
| <i>rhema</i> | natural knowledge |
| <i>gnosis</i> | spoken word |
| <i>epignosis</i> | opportune time |
| <i>kairos</i> | supernatural knowledge |

- MAT 12:34-37:** “Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 “A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. 36 “But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. 37 “For by your words you will be justified , and by your words you will be condemned .” (NKJ)
- In **Q 1**, what are the Gk words for following: **evil:** poneros **speak:** laleo **heart:** kardia **word:** rhema **account:** logos **justified:** dikaioo **words:** logos
- Write out **PRO 18:21:** Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit. (NKJ)
What do you suppose this scripture means? There is power in my tongue to produce all that I am in life, even life & death. My tongue WILL bear fruit, either good or bad, depending on how I use my tongue & select my words.
- JAM 3:2** We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says , he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check. 3 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. 4 Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. 5 Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body , but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. 6 The tongue also is a fire , a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body , sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell . (NKJ)
- In **Q 5**, what are the Gk words for following: **says:** logos **body:** soma **tongue:** glossa **life:** genesis **hell:** geenna (or gehenna) **What sets the course of a person's life on fire?** Our tongues **What sets the tongue on fire?** Hell (gehenna)
- What are the **three types of confession** for the Christian? **Give scripture references** for each:
I. Confession of the Lordship of Jesus Christ--ROM 10:9-10
II. Confession of sin or sins AFTER I am a Christian--1JO 1:3-9
III. Confession of Faith in the finished work of God--1CO 4:13
- Why** must these confessions occur **in order** to be effective? I do not enter the Kingdom of God until I confess the Lordship of Christ. To be eligible to receive the promises of God I need to be in fellowship with God and cleansed of my sin. Confession of sin restores broken fellowship. THEN I may approach the Throne of Grace with boldness and receive grace and mercy for my every need, holding FAST to the confession of my FAITH!!
- Write out **ROM 4:17:** (as it is written, 'I HAVE MADE you a father of many nations') in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and CALLS THOSE THINGS WHICH DO NOT EXIST AS THOUGH THEY DID; (NKJ) (That, my friend, is how 'faith' speaks—and how WE should speak!!)
- What does it mean** to **"call things that are not as though they were"**? To speak God's Word—His Promises (things that appear not)--to EVERY situation as though the Word IS. We should do this regardless of any evidence to the contrary, whether they be feelings, emotions, reports from the doctor, your bank account, etc.
Is that the same as **"calling things that are as though they are not"**? NO; think about this very carefully so you clearly know and understand the difference.
- What** is the Greek word for NT **confession**? Homologeō <3670>
What are the **two root words** making up this word? Homo <3674> + logos <3056>
What does this word mean? homo = same, like; logos = the Word of God
How did Jesus practice this truth? Jesus always spoke and prayed the solution or God's Promise—He prayed and spoke THE ANSWER---NOT THE PROBLEM in every situation.
- What 3 statements** could be used to define **CONFESSION**: 1. Affirming what we believe; 2. Testifying to a truth we know; 3. Witnessing to a truth we have embraced
- Write out **HEB 4:14:** Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our CONFESSION. (NKJ)

- What** is the Greek word for **confession** or **Profession**? *Homologia <3671> = 'same as the Word'*
14. Write out **2CO 4:13**: *And since we have the same SPIRIT OF FAITH, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I SPOKE," we also believe and therefore SPEAK, (NKJ)*
Notice that faith is SPIRIT. **Notice** that **believing** results in speaking. There are **two kinds of people** in the world: Those that say I can and those that say I can't. They are BOTH right!
 Write out **NUM 14:28**: *"Say to them, 'As I live,' says the Lord, 'just as you have SPOKEN in My hearing, so I will do to you:'" (NKJ)* **What were the circumstances** for God's statement in **NUM 14:28**? *The majority of the people listened to the 10 spies with the evil report, and SAID, 'We cannot enter Canaan; it's too hard'; 'We will die in the wilderness'. (EXO 14:11-12; NUM 16:13; 17:12; 21:5; 26:65; PSA 78:19, etc.)*
15. Faith grows with your confession. You will never believe beyond your confession. Just as a person is never saved until they confess that Jesus IS their LORD, so also you will never be a conqueror until you confess that you ARE a conqueror. Faith's confessions create reality. Confession is the door to the supernatural.
16. Faith works by saying or confession just as it works by prayer; your prayers and your confession MUST AGREE with one another. Another example is healing. God does **NOT** promise in His Word that He will heal you; He says that by Jesus' stripes you ARE or HAVE BEEN HEALED. God's promises are **past tense**!!
17. Satan attacks us with feelings or thoughts from outside us. Examples are symptoms of sickness, fear, lack, doubt, strife, etc. If you confess his attack, you receive what he is trying to give you!
18. Your confession **SIGNS FOR HIS PACKAGE**, and it comes into your being. If instead we reaffirm what we HAVE or ARE in Christ, Satan has to take his package and flee!! We take the sword of the Spirit, God's WORD, and we attack and defeat the devil. He MUST FLEE!!
 Write out **PSA 45:1**: *My HEART is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King; My TONGUE is the pen of a ready writer. (NKJ)*
19. **T F** God always follows His **WORD** with signs, to confirm the truth of His word by fulfilling it. If there are no miracles in your life, it is because there is no **WORD** in your heart and mouth to **CONFIRM**.
20. One of the best ways to grow & abide in Christ is to constantly confess who you are in Him. There are many scriptures with the phrase "in Christ", "in Him", "in Whom", etc. that reveal these truths. Go through your Bible and find them and begin to confess them daily.
21. **List at least 8 scriptures** from the NT that use phrases "**in Christ**", "**in Him**", "**in Whom**", etc: *2CO 1:21; 2:14; 5:17, 19; 11:3; GAL 3:28; 6:15; EPH 1:3; 2:6-7, 10, 13; PHI 1:1; 2:5; ACT 17:28; 2CO 1:19-21; etc.*
22. Write out **MAR 11:22-24**: *22 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. 23 "For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. (NKJ)*
How many times is the word **SAYS** or **SAY** used in **MAR 11:22-24**? 3 (three) times
How many times is the word **BELIEVES** used in **MAR 11:22-24**? 1 (one) time
Do you suppose that means anything? **What**? We may need to spend three times as much in confession of God's promises than we spend in believing the Promise.
23. **T F** What I say with my mouth and believe in my heart comes to pass in my life. **Ref:** MAR 11:22-24
T F If anyone is never at fault in what he **SAYS**, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.
T F The mouth speaks out of the overflow of the heart. Therefore, we can determine the content of a person's heart by listening to his or her **WORDS**.
T F Jesus said that we **ALL** will have to give account on the Day of Judgment for every careless **WORD** that we have spoken. By our **WORDS** we will be acquitted, and by our **WORDS** we will be condemned.
T F An essential element of living by faith is to **'call things that are not as though they were'** (**ROM 4:17**).
T F **2CO 4:13** states 'I believed; therefore I have spoken'. With the **SAME** spirit of faith we also believe and therefore **SPEAK**.
24. Write out **JOB 22:28**: *You will also DECLARE a thing, And it will be ESTABLISHED for you; So light will shine on your ways. (NKJ)* **Explain how David** did exactly what **JOB 22:28** says, and thereby determined the outcome of his **fight with Goliath**: *According to 1SA 17, David SAID to Goliath, 'You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. Then all this*

- assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's, and **HE** **WILL** give you into our hands.' ----- David literally **DECREED** the outcome of the fight in **FAITH**!!*
25. **How** will you apply what you have learned in this lesson in **YOUR** life? Answer for yourself.