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BOOK OF
JAMES
A FAITH THAT WORKS

Study 9

Speech and Spirituality Part 1

James 3:1-5

SPEECH



TRUE SPIRITUALITY



James 1:26



Speech control

James 1:26 (ESV) If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.



Social action



Personal holiness

THE DANGER OF TONGUES



Genesis 3:12 The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”



Isaiah 6:5 And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;



Romans 3:13-14 Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.” “The venom of asps is under their lips.” 14 “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”

1 Peter 3:10 (ESV) For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit;

JAMES 3

SPEECH

TEACHERS



CHURCH MEMBERS



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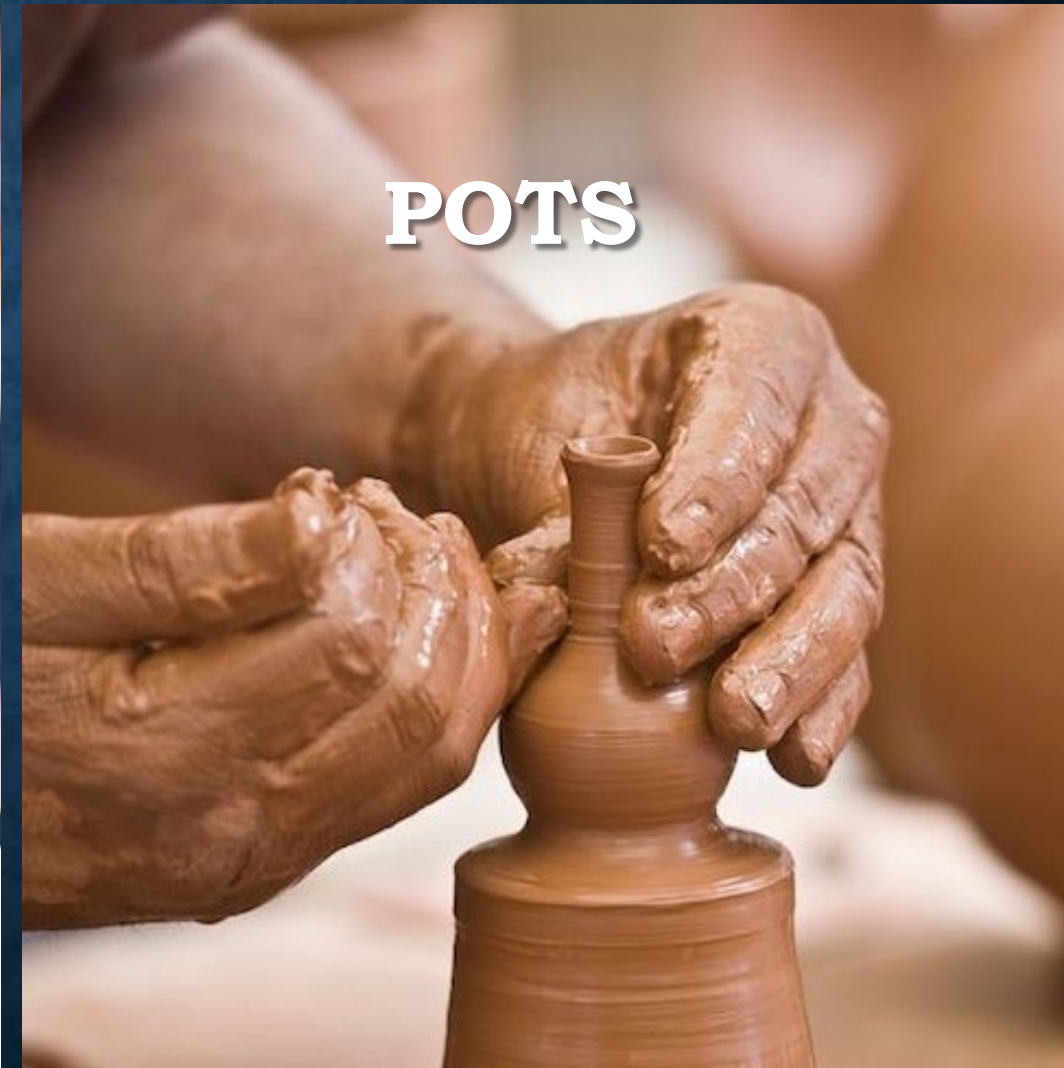
WARNING TO TEACHERS

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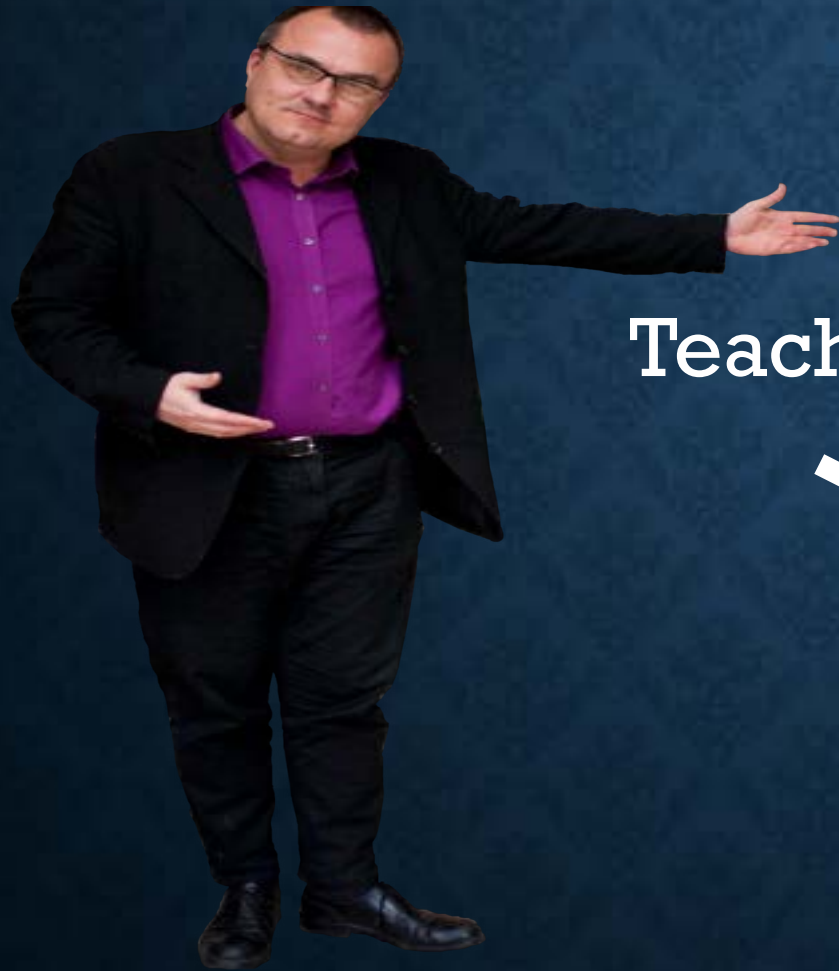


WORDS



POTS

RESPONSIBILITY



Teacher

The truth of the Word

Not personal opinions

14 By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us,
guard the good deposit entrusted to you

(2 Timothy 1:14 ESV)

Evidence of the Word
The way his life is lived

PAUL'S FAREWELL SPEECH TO EPHESIAN ELDERS



Acts 20:26-30 Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, 27 for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.

ENEMY WITHIN



Acts 20:29 I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them

Galatians 1:6-7 (ESV) I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— 7 not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

REV KONG HEE



*If we worship a poor
Saviour we will always be
poor. But if we worship a
Saviour who we know to
be rich and prosperous
(...) we will be changed
to reflect that*

YES JESUS WAS RICH!! BUT...

2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

Philippians 2:4-8 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the **interests of others**. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but **emptied himself**, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

GUILTY

John Lam, 47

Who: Former City Harvest Church (CHC) finance committee member.

Verdict: Found guilty of three charges of criminal breach of trust.

What he had said in court: Believed the Xtron bonds were a sound investment because of Ms Ho Yeow Sun's success with her previous music albums.

What judge said: Lam's role was evidently less substantial in conceiving and executing the plan to channel church funds through Xtron. But he had his own part to play as a board member and investment committee member.

What next: Lam is considering whether to appeal. He said: "I'm obviously disappointed, but it's been a very long trial, and someone prudent would have been prepared for conviction. But of course we were always believing in our acquittal."

Chew Eng Han, 55

Who: Former CHC fund manager.

Verdict: Found guilty of six charges of criminal breach of trust and four charges of falsification of accounts.

What he had said in court: Called the Crossover Project and Ms Ho's music the "real" investment. He claimed (on Kong Hee's sales projections) to support them.

What judge said: Chew played a substantial role in the plan to channel church funds through Xtron. He hid the truth about the Xtron bonds to give auditors the impression that CHC and Xtron were independent of each other. In fact, he knew that Kong made all decisions on Xtron's behalf.

What next: Chew told reporters: "I didn't expect it. It's a shock for my family. Of course I will appeal."

Kong Hee, 51

Who: Founder and senior pastor of CHC.

Verdict: Found guilty of three charges of criminal breach of trust.

What he had said in court: Kong always maintained that he had no personal financial interests in Xtron. He admitted he was not involved in accounting.

What judge said: Kong played a substantial role in conceiving and executing the plan to channel CHC's Building Fund through music firm Xtron, which managed his wife Ho Yeow Sun for the Crossover Project.

What next: His wife said in a Facebook post that "we are disappointed by the outcome". His lawyer Edwin Tong said they will be studying the grounds of decision before deciding whether to appeal.

Tan Ye Peng, 42

Who: Founding member and CHC deputy senior pastor.

Verdict: Found guilty of six charges of criminal breach of trust, and four charges of falsifying the church's accounts.

What he had said in court: Tan stated he never thought he was legally involved in Xtron. He admitted he was not involved in accounting.

What judge said: Tan played a substantial role in the plan to channel church funds through Xtron, and kept round-tripping transactions from auditors. Although "a leader in his own right", he trusted Kong's leadership completely. However, this does not exonerate him from criminal liability.

What next: His lawyer said he will be studying the grounds of decision before deciding on the next step.

Serina Wee, 38

Who: Former CHC finance manager.

Verdict: Found guilty of six charges of criminal breach of trust and four charges of falsification of accounts.

What she had said in court: Wee said she had no idea that the church funds were being used to support Xtron. She admitted she was not involved in accounting.

What judge said: Wee played a substantial role in the plan to channel church funds through Xtron. He was unconvinced that Wee and others had genuinely believed in the success of Ms Ho's US Crossover Project, and said she had readily conceded that Ms Ho's Asian Crossover albums all made losses.

What next: "As you've heard, the judge said it's not that they are morally wrong or used the money for personal gains. It's too early to say what our next course of action is," said her husband Kenny Low.

Sharon Tan, 40

Who: CHC finance manager who took over from Wee.

Verdict: Found guilty of three charges of criminal breach of trust and four charges of falsification of accounts.

What she had said in court: Claimed she had flagged concerns about the alleged round-tripping of church funds but was assured by the others that everything was "okay".

What judge said: She was aware of the round-tripping transactions and false accounting entries, including a redemption of Xtron bonds in the form of a set-off against advance rental.

What next: Tan said she will speak to her lawyer today to decide if she would be filing an appeal. "I will keep on praying"

God exposes them

Reclaim them Protect church



DANGER AND RESPONSIBILITY

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Mega-Krima

Galatians 1:8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him **be accursed.**

THE STATUS OF TEACHERS

Rabbi

Social rank





FOLLOWING OF DISCIPLES

JUDGEMENT

Final
Judgement -
salvation

Judgement of
Believers

JUDGEMENT

Romans 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

BELIEVERS JUDGEMENT

1 Corinthians 3:14-15 (ESV) If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Romans 14:10-12 (ESV) Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; 11 for it is written,

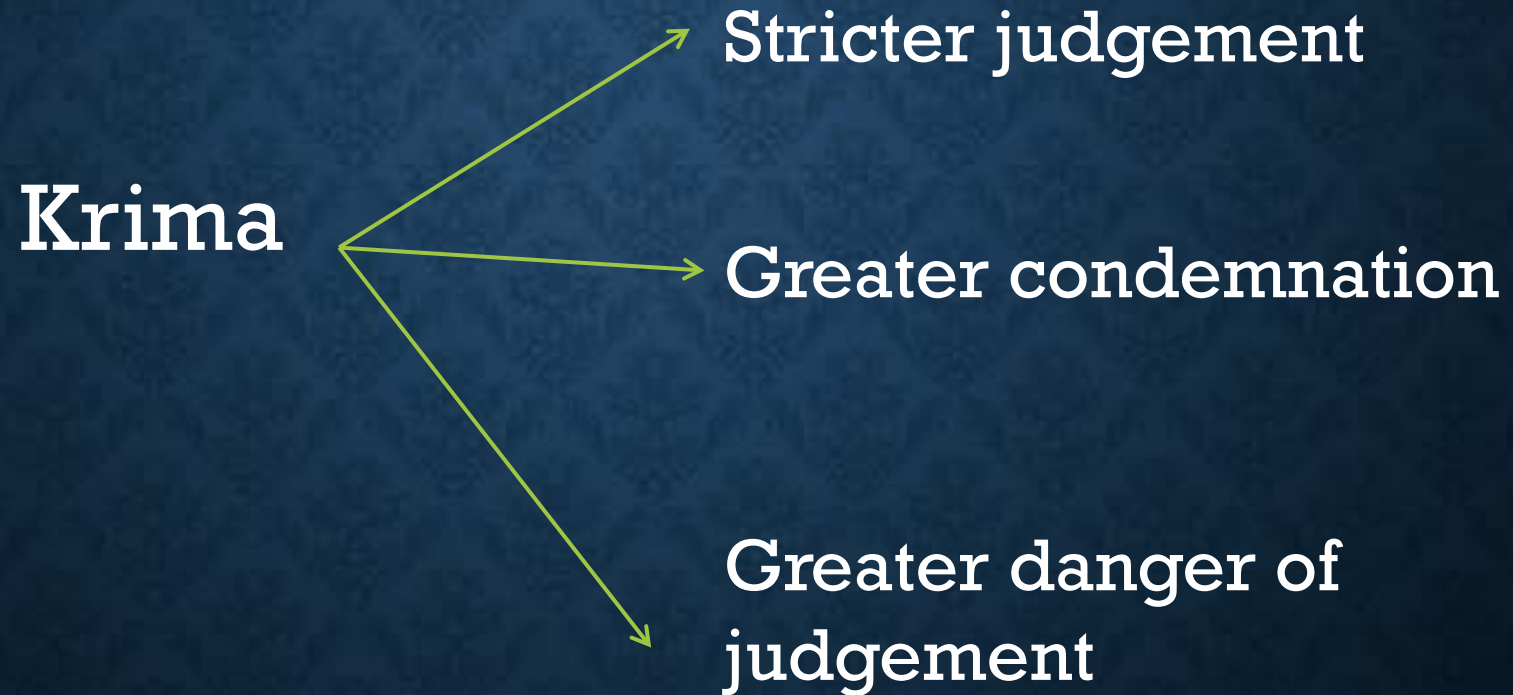
“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”

12 So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.





JUDGEMENT



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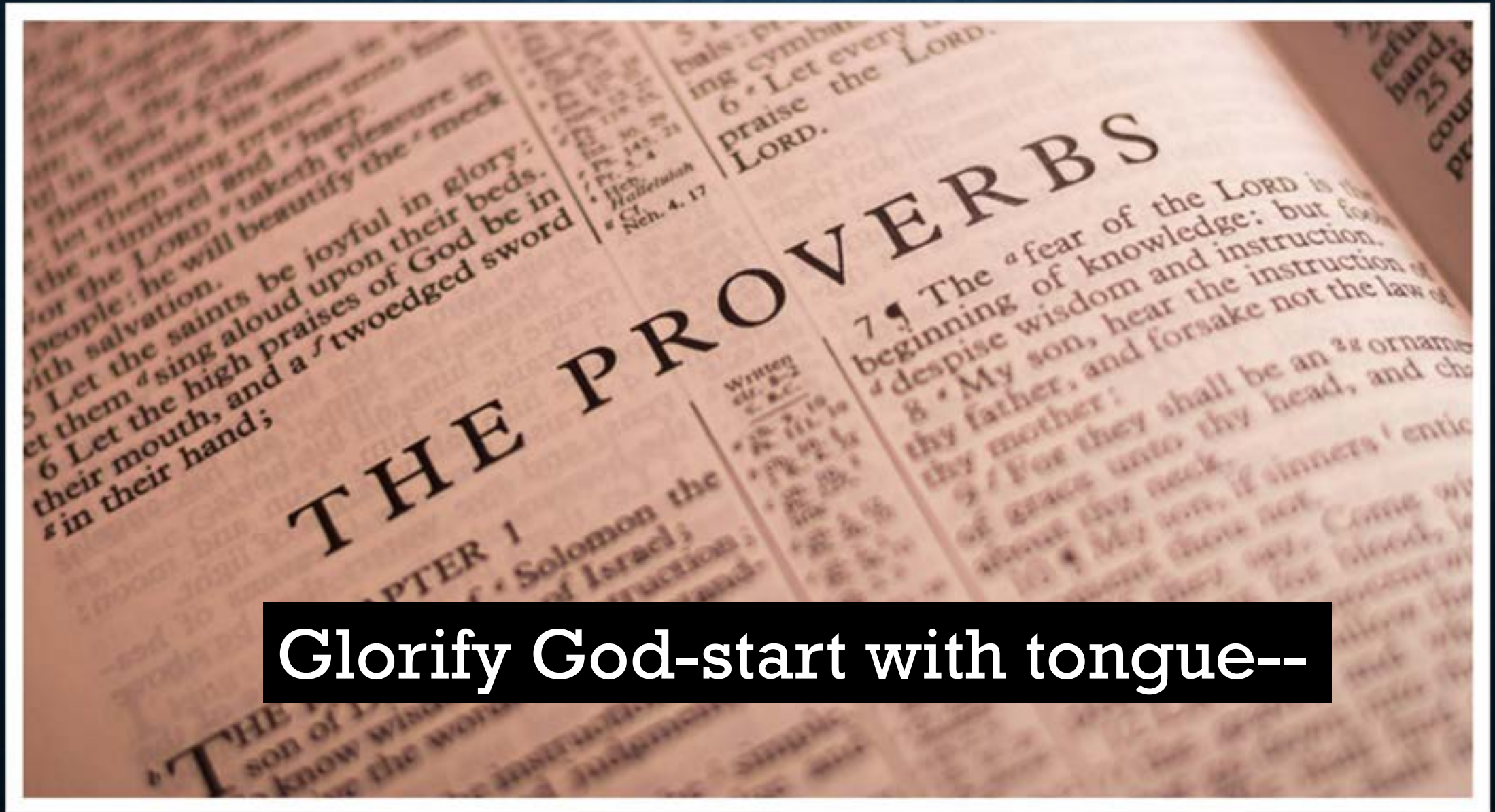
James 3:2 For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.



*When a sieve is shaken,
the husks appear;
so do one's faults when
one speaks.*

*Praise no one before he
speaks, for it is then
that people are
tested (Sirach 27:4-7).*

90 proverbs about speech --



Glorify God-start with tongue--

WE WILL BE JUDGED ON OUR WORD

Matthew 12:36 I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, 37 for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

16,000 words/ day

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James 3:3-5 (ESV) If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. 4 Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.



A person is shown in profile, sitting at a desk and working on a computer. The entire scene is bathed in a deep blue light. The person's right hand is on the keyboard, and their left hand is raised to their chin in a thoughtful pose. A watch is visible on their left wrist. The computer monitor is on the right, displaying a bright blue screen. The text is overlaid in the upper left quadrant.

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HEARING

**PUMPKIN
KANGAROO**

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“In the case of vision, what we consciously perceive seems to be deeply shaped by our knowledge and expectations.

And those expectations can be altered with a single word.”

UW–Madison cognitive scientist and psychology professor Professor Gary Lupyan, and Emily Ward, a Yale University graduate student,.

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WORDS DETERMINE PERCEPTION



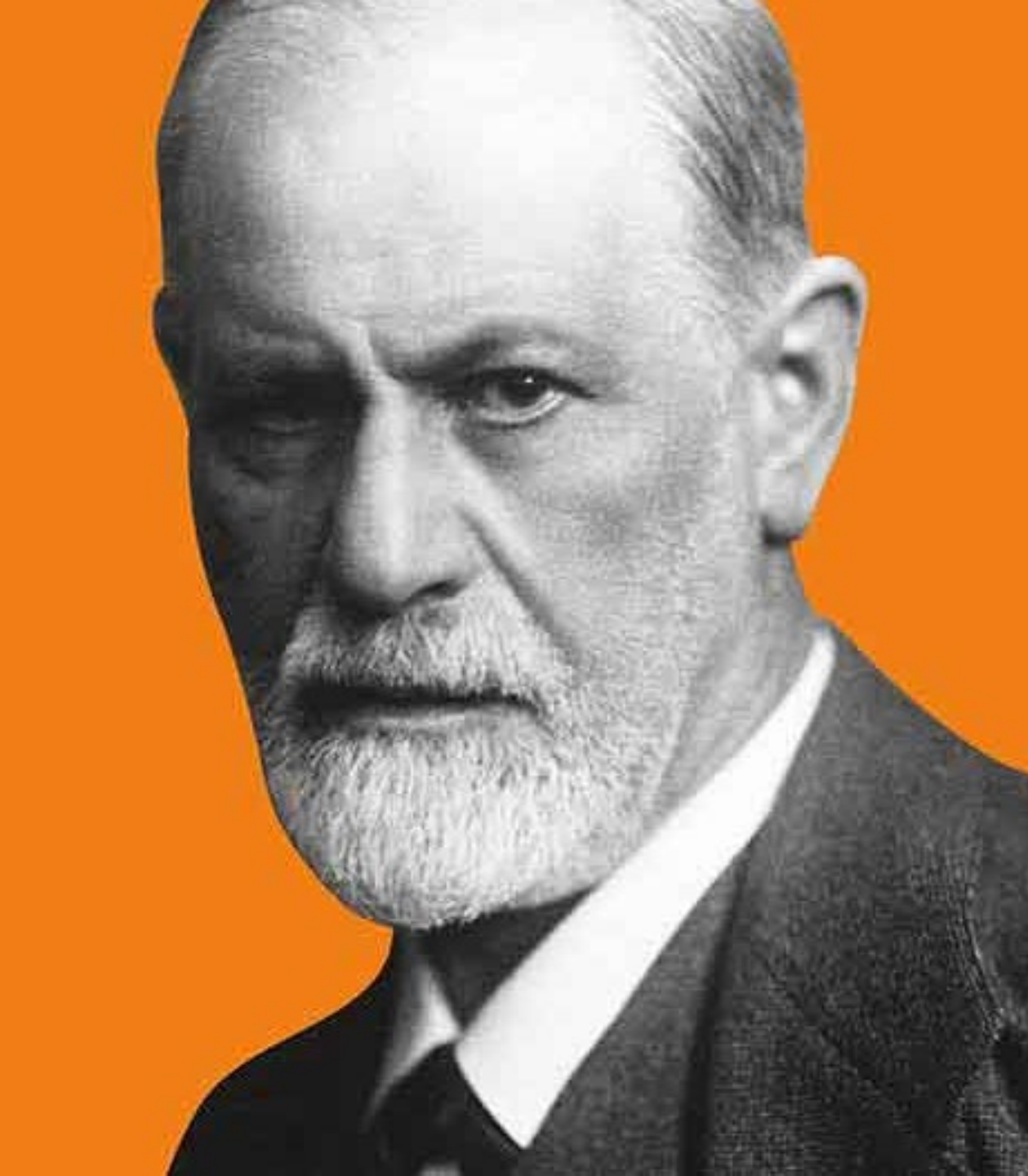
A young girl with long brown hair is in the foreground, looking down with a sad expression, her hands resting on her cheeks. In the background, a woman with dark hair is blurred, looking towards the camera.

WORDS CREATE REALITY

Words are remembered

Word make a difference

You have a big nose



SIGMUND FREUD

Words have a magical power. They can bring either the greatest happiness or deepest despair; they can transfer knowledge from teacher to student; words enable the orator to sway his audience and dictate its decisions. Words are capable of arousing the strongest emotions and prompting all men's actions.

A cyclist wearing a black jersey, black shorts, a white helmet, and sunglasses is riding a road bike on a paved path. The path is lined with large trees, and the scene is bathed in the warm, hazy light of a sunrise or sunset. The cyclist is in a forward-leaning, aerodynamic position. In the background, another cyclist is visible, riding further down the path. The overall atmosphere is serene and focused.

**Effects of Motivational Self-Talk on
Endurance and Cognitive Performance
in the Heat**

Med Sci Sports Exerc
. 2017 Jan;49(1):191-199.

Motivational self-talk is effective in altering the internal psychophysiological control of exercise and plays a role in improving endurance capacity and executive function in the heat

Dilarang merokok
No smoking

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GUESS WHAT? **CLIMBING THE STAIRS** COUNTS TOWARD YOUR **30 MINUTES OF DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.**

NOW YOU HAVE CLIMBED **79 STAIRS!**



DR M INDOCTRINATED US TO HATE DAP, ZAHID-DECEMBER 28, 2022 8:30 AM



A black and white portrait of John F. Kennedy, looking slightly to the right with a slight smile. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a dark tie. The background is dark and out of focus.

JOHN F KENNEDY 1961

*“ask not what
your country can
do for you--ask
what you can do
for your country.”*

A black and white photograph of Martin Luther King Jr. speaking at a podium. He is wearing a dark suit and a white shirt with a dark tie. He is looking to the right of the frame with an open mouth, as if in the middle of a speech. In front of him are several microphones on stands. The background is a large, out-of-focus crowd of people. The text "I HAVE A DREAM." is overlaid in white, bold, serif font across the lower part of the image.

“I HAVE A DREAM.”

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*“Tear down
this wall!”*

PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

West Berlin, June 12, 1987

JUNE 4 1940



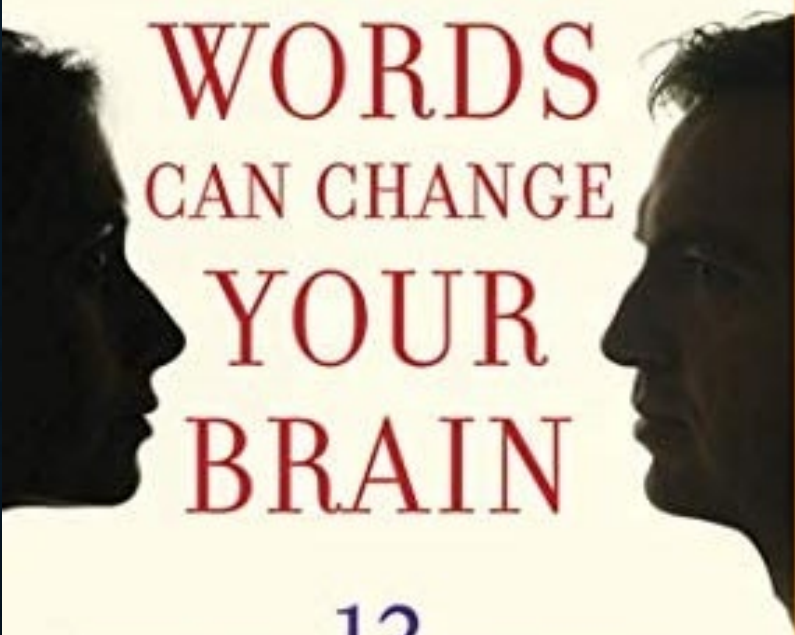
“we shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end, we shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our Island, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender,”

AUDIOBOOK

MP3-CD



Insert ▶ Transfer ▶ Listen!



WORDS
CAN CHANGE
YOUR
BRAIN

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CONVERSATION STRATEGIES
TO BUILD TRUST,
RESOLVE CONFLICT, AND
INCREASE INTIMACY

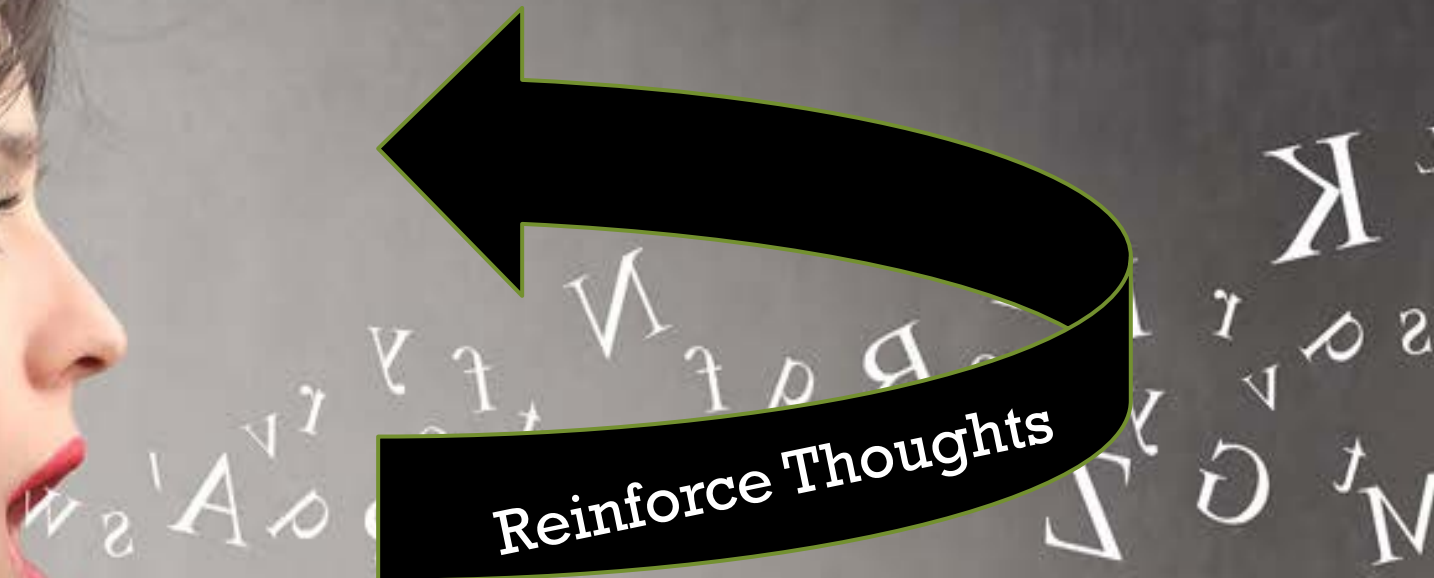
ANDREW NEWBERG, M.D.
AND MARK ROBERT WALDMAN

- Thus, by exercising *consistent positive thoughts and speech*, we not only change our self-perception, but how we perceive the world around us. Ultimately, this grants us the ability to shape our reality and change the world for the better.

Whatever direction your words lead, your mind, body and environment will inevitably follow

Thoughts

Reinforce Thoughts



Our external environment is often a reflection of our internal one, which shows up in how we speak.



Over time your world will morph to mirror your words.



WORD OF FAITH HERESY



- Faith Force released by speaking Words
- If he only believes in his words as God believes in His
- The key to receiving the desires of your heart is to make the words of your mouth agree with what you want

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