

Vignettes: In and Out!
Spirit Life, Part 11
Slide Notations

Spirit Life Vignettes... *Spirit Lifer's and the King's Tongue!* Removing the sep's/expletives/euphemisms! *SL's control their "intake!"* Heart-health challenge! *SL's fight for their families'* Primary fabric. *SL's understanding of the church!* What are we - anyway? *SL's live on the Word of God!* Best Dressed or Emperor's Clothing?

Left off... Dropping the use of separator's. No "black" and "white" people. Don't use words of ethnicity unless we're certain and there is a definitive purpose! SL's are articulate/accurate! Our "yes is yes and no is no" **Mt5 Jam4** Not "Yes-I guess so-maybe-I don't- No!" Jesus: "evil link" James: "hypocrisy!"
Say what you mean, mean what you say; do what you say or don't say anything at all!

V1: The Tongue of a King! SL's delete expletives: mean/ignorant. Gal calling sister a "b*****" (devolution?). The other "B" word is always unkind if true! Really sweep up the stock lot? Do you really want your door jamb, chair leg, car door handle, to be destroyed? Do you really see God as a damner and not the Blessor? F-bombs are always inappropriate!

SL's drop euphemisms: not fooling God! C***, shoot, shucks: still stink/gassed up! Gosh darn; Gol Dern, Dad Gum it: lies/blasphemy! Freakin'; frigin'; sc*** you; sc***** up? Change the letters/sounds – heart problem! "God knows my heart! You're just busting my chops! You're being a legalist!" Yep, Nope, and Nope... And your enemy loves the legal rights!

Tongue-truths: World framed by the word of God... **H11** Mimics of God... **E5** Death and life are in the power of the tongue... **Pr18.21** Set before you blessing and cursing, life and death, choose life! **D30.19** Does a fountain put out at the same hole sweet and bitter water? **Jam3.11** In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips is wise. The tongue of the righteous is choice silver. The lips of the righteous feed many! **Pr10.19-21** The wicked is snared by the sins of his lips... a man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth. **Pr12.13,14**

O generation of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks! **Mt12.34** O generation of believers, how can you, being good, speak evil things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks! **Mt12.34**

A good man out of the good treasure of the heart brings forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. But I say to you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account of in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned. **Mt12.35-37**

As God mimics... don't let porneia, akatharsia, covetousness, obscenity, stupid discourse, vulgar joking be named even once among you. **E5.1-4** And why call me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? **Lk 6.46** "it's a good and a fair question!"

Tongue-truth! *That body of scripture makes this a significant Spirit Life issue... Language is the window of the heart...* The heart must be cleaned if worlds of life are to be framed from our words... Clean speech is not the result of "hard work" it is the result of being convinced!

V2: Heart-health! We know that we are what we eat! Glowing health comes from quality intake!

Body, Spirit, Soul... Words we speak tell us heart-healthy/not! Health is based on intake... Intake for the soul is input we allow thru eye, ear, nose, touch and taste gates! TV, books, music, conversations, etc. **Millions of “bytes” per day!**

We know the life/death power of words... Many struggle today/words spoken yrs ago! “Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.” **Pr 12:18** A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprover upon an obedient ear. **Pr25.11,12**

Power of words is increased by sight! How many times have you heard someone say, “it must be true if it’s in print!” Written word shapes us! Ayn Rand/Leon Uris/C.S.Lewis/Sheldon. Paul, Gospel writers Pages of books and magazines deliver saving and/or crushing blows to us!

Power of words is multiplied by images! TV incites tears, kindness, lusts, envy... On kindled sexual lusts: “Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? **Pr6.27,28** Men are tempted when drawn aside by their lusts and when lust conceives it brings sin and the end of sin is death! **Jam 1.13,14**

VH1, MTV, Movies, internet, video gaming... Reality TV, Big Brother, Survivor...

Power of words hidden in songs! Words we would not say, we sing/not know. We know that songs enter a different part of our brain (stroke victims). Replay over and over again/know them in our sleep/40 years later! Lots of songs benign... but how do you draw the line for your kids/friends? It’s almost always about the lyrics... But will it be too late when they finally hear the message?

Not crusading for censorship but stomping for heart-health awareness! “Seize the little foxes that spoil the vines to protect the growing fruit!” **SOS 2.15** The promise of protection from poisoned intake **Mk16.18** does not include the self administered, or shared, kind! **1P4.15** Jokes, internet stories/spoof’s, story lines... *that you just have to share!*

Hebrews 12.25-29 Don’t turn a deaf ear to the words of His new covenant. If those who ignored warnings of the Old law didn’t get away with it, what will happen to us if we turn our backs on heavenly words? When He spoke to them His voice shook the earth to its foundations; this time—He’s told us, actually promised us—He’ll rock the heavens and earth to remove what can be removed! “One last shaking, from top to bottom, stem to stern.” The phrase “one last shaking” means a thorough housecleaning, getting rid of all the historical and religious junk so that the unshakable essentials stand clear and uncluttered. Do you see what we’ve got? An unshakable kingdom! And do you see how thankful we must be? Not only thankful, but brimming with worship and a deep reverence for God. For God is not an indifferent bystander, watching as we do our thing. He’s actively cleaning His “house,” torching all that needs to burn, and He won’t quit until it’s all cleansed. God Himself is an all consuming fire!

V3: Fighting for our Families! Fighting for our Families! Had to write one of the hardest letters of my career this past week! Man in final stages of a meltdown... Separating from his wife, about to ruin his relationship with child, throwing away his ministry... Got this vision... Open with it next week!

Joel 3.14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.