

THREE GATES TO GODLY SPEECH.

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INTRO.:

- A. **Matthew 15:18** “those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart.” Our speech reveals the heart.
- B. **Job was not unkind as he answered charges made against him.**
 - 1. Job asked, “Is there iniquity in my tongue?” (**Job 6:30**).
 - 2. We are charged to be “slow to speak” (**James 1:19-20**).
 - 3. We must consider much before we engage our tongue!
- C. **Think before you speak. Our thoughts should pass through three gates before they are spoken: “Three Gates To Godly Speech.”**

I. IS IT TRUE?

- A. How many times has a lie caused great anguish?
- B. **A lie is a terrible thing.**
 - 1. **Exodus 20:16.**
 - 2. **Proverbs 11:13.**
 - 3. **Proverbs 6:16-19.**
 - 4. **Proverbs 12:22.**
 - 5. **Revelation 21:8.**

II. IS IT NEEDFUL?

- A. **Some things may be true, yet better left unsaid.**
- B. **Someone said, “chew your words before you speak.”**
 - 1. Think about why and how we address things.
 - 1) **Galatians 6:1.**
 - 2) **1 Corinthians 10:23.**
 - 3) **Proverbs 17:9.**
 - 2. Sometimes it is best to keep a thing secret.
- C. **We are not talking about things that are sinful and need correcting (**Matthew 18:15-17; Luke 17:3**). Make sure we are seeking good in our rebuke.**

III. IS IT KIND?

- A. Watch what and how we say things.
- B. We have absolutely no control over our words after they leave our lips.
- C. **Wisdom is needed when speaking.**
 - 1. **Proverbs 31:26.**
 - 2. **Proverbs 16:24.**
- D. Words and expressions communicate. Choose words carefully!

IV. CONCLUSION:

- A. Like Job, we should ask the question, “Is there iniquity in my tongue?”
- B. If we apply the above principles, we can go a long way toward preventing such.
- C. Be in control. **James 3:1-2.**