

NO WICKED THING

Lesson 4 – Outline

I. A thought becomes your own when you begin speaking it out of your mouth.

Take no thought, saying...

Matthew 6:31

A. Satan passes thoughts, feelings, and attitudes across our hearts and minds.

B. If you don't say it, then it's not yours.

C. You need to take on this attitude: "I refuse to speak forth anything contrary to what I'm believing for."

II. You need to be constantly aware of the truth that your words are either releasing life or releasing death.

A. Set a watch over your mouth and speak life (Ps. 141:3) because you will eat the fruit of it.

A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Proverbs 18:20-21

B. Every word you say out of your mouth is a seed that produces after its kind.

C. You can't keep a problem from coming, but you can keep those problems from dominating you by speaking forth the right, positive, Word-oriented things.

III. In this spiritual battle, Satan takes advantage of the words we say.

For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Matthew 12:37

A. When we don't realize just how important our words are, we speak forth foolishness, doubt, unbelief, and other things that allow Satan to devour us because we let down our guard.

B. Many people don't really recognize that Satan is dominating—exerting influence and power in—their lives (Eph. 2:1-3).

C. Before we converted to Christ, we were by nature children of Satan—living our lives under his influence and dominion, blinded to the truth.

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Corinthians 4:4

D. The devil is actively at work today hardening people and blinding them from the truths of the Gospel.

IV. Although God is using both radio and television mightily to advance His kingdom, Satan is also using the vast majority of its programming to destroy people's lives.

A. You may convince yourself that you're not being influenced or corrupted, but the Word reveals otherwise (1 Cor. 15:33).

B. You simply cannot maintain your spiritual equilibrium while indulging your eyes on ungodliness (Ps. 101:3).

C. What we constantly think about will become what we talk about and do.

V. Everything you say and/or do is releasing either God's or Satan's power in your life.

A. Your Enemy is an active force at work in the world seeking whom he may devour (1 Pet. 5:8).

B. He blinds the minds of those who don't believe, in order to steal, kill, and destroy them (2 Cor. 4:4).

C. It's to your advantage to recognize the reality of the fight and make the necessary adjustments in your thinking and lifestyle (Eph. 4:27).

D. We are responsible to submit to God and resist the devil (James 4:7).

VI. When you disobey God, you open up a door to the devil.

A. Contrary to what religion says, God still loves you.

B. He's not mad at you, but He wants better for you.

C. By violating God's instructions in His Word and obeying the lust of your flesh, you've thrown open a door to the devil.

D. You need to change your mind and adjust your actions.

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Lesson 4 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Matthew 6:31, Jesus told us to take no thought by doing what?
2. Proverbs 18:20-21 reveals that a man's belly shall be satisfied by what?
3. What shall he be filled with?
4. In Psalm 141:3, the psalmist asks the Lord to keep what?
5. According to Matthew 12:37, by what shall we be justified and/or condemned?
6. Acts 26:18 shows that when we turn from darkness to light, we are turning from the power of Satan unto whom?
7. When we do so, what do we receive in addition to forgiveness of sins?
8. Before we were born again, Ephesians 2:1-3 reveals that we were dead in what?
9. What were we by nature?
10. According to 2 Corinthians 4:4, the minds of them that don't believe are what?
11. By whom?
12. What does 1 Corinthians 15:33 say that evil communications corrupts?
13. In Psalm 101:3, what does the psalmist hate?
14. According to 1 Peter 5:8, who is our adversary?
15. James 4:7 tells us to submit ourselves to whom?

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Lesson 4 – Answer Key

1. Saying.
2. The fruit of his mouth.
3. The increase of his lips.
4. The door of his lips.
5. Our words.
6. God.
7. An inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith.
8. Trespasses and sins.
9. The children of wrath.
10. Blinded.
11. The god of this world.
12. Good manners.
13. The work of them that turn aside.
14. The devil.
15. God.