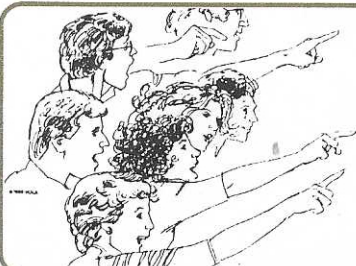


“The Tongue”

Subject: “How to Communicate Blessing”

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1. “Out of the silent planet”; the parable of the mute who spoke (Luke 10-11).
 - (a) It is important that we listen to God (10: 38-42).
 - (b) It is important that God listens to us (11: 1-3).
 - (c) What happens when we can't speak at all (11: 14-26)?
 - (i) The miracle was an enacted parable.
 - (ii) Satan is determined to keep us silent toward God.
 - (iii) Christ overcame Satan at the cross and led captivity captive and gave gifts (Ephesians 4: 7-13).
2. Qualities necessary in communicating blessing (Acts 8: 2; Timothy 4: 1-4):
 - (a) Sensitivity (Acts 8: 26-27).
 - (b) Availability (Acts 8: 27-29).
 - (c) Initiative (Acts 8: 30).
 - (d) Tactfulness (Acts 8: 30-34).
 - (e) Preciseness (Acts 8: 34-35).
 - (f) Urgency (2 Timothy 4: 2).
 - (g) Relevancy (2 Timothy 4: 2).
 - (h) Patience (2 Timothy 4: 2).
 - (i) Intelligence (2 Timothy 4: 2).
3. Your tongue as an instrument of encouragement (Hebrews 10: 25); it takes big heartedness.
4. The dark side of emotional word pictures:—
 - (a) People who consistently use the dark side of word pictures jump on your faults but fight off any correction you given them.
 - (b) People who consistently use the dark side of word pictures often make you feel terrible with their words, and somehow convince you it's your fault.
 - (c) People who consistently use the dark side of word pictures often cover a trio of personal problems with words of darkness.
 - (d) People who consistently use the dark side of word pictures often lack the skills of empathy and encouragement.
 - (e) People who consistently use the dark side of word pictures often don't respect legitimate boundaries around your life.
5. Igniting the power of words:—
 - (a) Word pictures have been time tested by the worlds greatest communicators.
 - (b) Word pictures grab and direct attention.
 - (c) Word pictures bring communication to life.
 - (d) Word pictures lock thoughts into our memory.
 - (e) Word pictures provide a gateway to intimacy.



“Great communicators know that a word picture can give them an advantage from the moment they begin to speak”.