

## The Tongue: *Practicing Stewardship over our words*

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I can hardly believe that we are in the second half of July already. Time certainly marches on doesn't it? If you are like me, you're now realizing that you'll be hard pressed to accomplish all that you had planned for these summer months. Now is the time that I feel as though I need to pick up the pace of these lazy days of summer in order to complete all my projects. Yes, I realize that Scripture says I should be anxious about nothing but I will confess, I really struggle in this area. I think a lot of us "plan ahead" types do. When I fall and become anxious about anything there is one other area of my life that is sure to suffer as well. That area is my communication with others, primarily, my family.

Normally in my role as wife and mom, I choose my words to convey my thoughts in love. I work at being courteous, building people up, being an encouragement and being available to confide in and talk to. Not so when I am anxious about deadlines, schedules, and projects that have yet to be finished. During these times the words that come from my mouth can be harsh, abrupt and selfish. I also notice that my family communicates with me less. Can I blame them?

The Bible tells us that the tongue is a powerful part of our bodies. The ability to speak

differentiates men from animals. In Proverbs 18:21 it says, "...Death and life are in the power of the tongue..." The words that we choose can encourage, uplift and unite those who hear them. But if we choose to use unkind words or convey harsh, unloving attitudes, those around us will be torn down and discouraged. We will find that we have aggravated or even caused hardship and problems for those around us. Proverbs 15:1 says, "A soft answer turns away wrath but a harsh word stirs up anger." Also in Proverbs, 16:24, "Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the bones." I think we need to be reminded of these verses as we interact with our friends and our families during the remaining hot summer days. How easy it is to get annoyed at the lack of progress on our projects resulting in unkind words aimed at the ones we love the most, the ones entrusted to our care. "Our" children are not ours, they are His. Perhaps we have too many projects that are not in the Lord's plan for our lives.

God gave us our tongues to bring glory to Him as we interact with our families and friends. Unwholesome, idle, and coarse talk have no place in our communications. Instead we

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# Member's Needs



Dresser that is 4 or 5 drawers high. Sue: 453-7559 (2)

Dishwasher in working condition at low price or free. Rebecca: 548-0978 (3)

Curriculum: 2nd and 3rd grade Saxon math. Sherry: 662-0247 (3)

Bedroom Set including dressers, double size bed and headboard or frame. Also needed are twin beds and a kneehole desk. Libby: 571-1923 (3)

Canoe. Dan or Sherry: 662-0247 (2)

16mm Film Projector. Jeanne: 677-0359 (2)

Head and foot board (no rails, mattress, or spring needed) for a queen size bed. Jeanne: 677-0359 (2)

Turntable in working condition. Jeanne: 677-0359 (2)

Treadmill. Norma: 574-5914 (2)

Cell Phone. Marcy: 524-8704 (2)

Keyboard. Either a piano or a full sized electric keyboard. Kathy: 258-1421 (2)

Saxon Math 65 Curriculum. Kathy: 258-1421 (2)

Rototiller. Eva: 474-4174 (2)

Freezer and washing machine. Denise: 463-0692 (2)

Girls summer clothes size 3T-4T. Kelly: 375-4702 (2)

Christian single woman is looking for same to share home. One child welcome. Warm family atmosphere in a lovely home located in southern Waukesha County. Adequate room for privacy. Mary: 679-7673 (2)

Folding or stackable chairs. We need 200-300 wood or steel framed chairs for a church. Pastor Randy: 639-5512 or 637-5240 (2)

Two twin mattresses. Chantal: 873-9506 (2)

Juicer. Paula: 662-2685 (2)

Men's mountain bike. Paul or Terri: 578-9121 (2)

Two bedroom apartment or flat on the northwest or east side of Milwaukee. Rent of \$500 or less please. MaryAnn: 463-2821 (1)

# The Free Box

*Luke 6:38*

*Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.*

Gas stove with 4 burners and oven above. Workable condition. Teri: 578-9121 (2)

King size waterbed with bookshelf headboard. Sherry: 662-0247 (1)

Car seat and booster seat. Sherry: 662-0247 (1)

Bunk beds with mattresses. Carol: 538-1817 (1)

American History Curriculum. Two complete sets, one at a Jr. High level and the other is at a Sr. High level. Includes Teacher's Manuals, Student's book and test masters etc. Brand new, published by Silver, Burdett & Ginn & Houghton Mifflin. Sherry: 662-0247 (1)

## Special Thanks to God's Stewards!

We are extending a big thank you to Paul and Teri for their enthusiasm and diligence in distributing the "extra" clothing from the April clothing drive.

They took the extra clothing to their home and arranged for a Free Rummage to be held in their yard in June. They too were seeing this as a ministry opportunity and had arranged for tracts to go into each bag in order to witness to the people who came. Before the day of the Free Rummage arrived, several members of Simply Stewardship donated clothing and took it to their home. A church in their neighborhood also heard what was happening and donated clothing from a rummage that they had recently. Teri and Paul took all the clothing, sorted it and

arranged it in their yard, ready to see what the Lord would do.

The Lord caused it to rain! It rained and rained and their neighborhood flooded! Teri had to close the Free Rummage for a day but then opened again the next day. God had prepared the hearts of some people to hear the Gospel. More than 25 families showed up for clothing on Saturday. Some of the families were headed by single moms, others were elderly but all needed the clothing and the life changing message of the Gospel. One elderly man collected 15 bags of clothes for his grandchildren. Another lady came to see what was going on. She lived right next door to Paul and Teri but they had not really spoken to

each other yet. She picked up a Christian book and was looking at it. Instead of taking the book with her, she put it down, started to cry and ran home. Later that day, Teri went over to her home and had the opportunity to witness to her neighbor.

God definitely used His resources to meet people at their point of need and introduce them to Himself as well. Teri is still getting calls from people who need clothing. She is also still receiving some donations and something amazing is happening. Shortly after a certain size donation is made, she receives a call from someone needing that size. Is God great or what?! What a joy it is to be used by Him. Glory to God alone.

# Services Offered

Kitchen and bathroom renovations. Tile work is included. Gary: 246-3664 (2)

"TILE MAN" Complete Ceramic Tiling From A-Z. Bathroom and Kitchen, Commercial and Mud Work. Bill: 453-7559 (2)

**Homeschooling Classes** . "I am so excited about what the Lord is allowing me to do with kids! After 13 years of homeschooling my own children, I now have the privilege of teaching more children! In response to the need I've seen for balance, variety, and challenge in the homeschool experience, I am offering writing, speaking and inductive Bible study courses for small groups of children in my home.

As we learn together in these areas of study we will all grow up in godly character, stimulated by one another, by the subject matter and by working together. *Please refer to the enclosed brochure.*" Diane (1)

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A member of Simply Stewardship is ministering to four neighboring families who lost almost everything in the recent flooding in Milwaukee. These people are in need of most personal and household items including, clothing, shoes, furniture, bedding, toys, and rugs. If you can help with any of these items please call Teri at 578-9121. (1)

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## For Sale



Grain Master Whisper Mill. Brand New. Free 5 gallon bucket of grain. \$258. Roberto: 645-4080 (3)

Range hood in almond color. \$10. Carol: 547-6586 (2)

Kirby upright vacuum cleaner. It has a new collecting bag. \$60. Carol: 547-6586 (2)

Viking "Little Gasser" Pop Up Camper. Very good condition, sleeps 6, contains stove, refrigerator, heater and electrical hook up. The canvas is in good condition. \$1,300. Carol: 547-6586 (2)

Little Tykes changing table. \$15. Kelly: 375-4702 (2)

Black and Decker electric lawn mower in good condition. \$20. Gary: 246-3664 (2)

1995 Odyssey Van. 4 dr., 7 pass. seating. Pwr windows, locks, mirrors. AM-FM radio, cassette, CD, dual airbags. ABS Disc brakes. 28,000

miles. Man. Suggested Retail - \$23,600. Asking \$20,500. Randy: (414) 637-5240 (1)

Two Snapper self propelled mulching lawn mowers. Marion: 783-5038 (1)

Men's 10 speed bike, two dressers, small apt. size gas stove, rattan furniture, sofa bed, maple end tables, lamps, formica kitchen set, and many other items too numerous to mention. Marion: 783-5038 (1)

Two burial lots at Pine Lawn Cemetery located at Hwy 100 and Capital Dr. Marion: 783-5038 (1)

Encyclopedia: New Standard Encyclopedia from 1987. Mint condition. This 17 volume set could quickly become a key resource in your home school or for family use. A great family reference set. \$35. Sherry: 662-0247 (1)

Rollerblades. Men's size 12. \$10. Brandon: 662-0247 (1)

## Etc...Quick notes from Simply Stewardship!

### Update:

Blockbuster Video Stores do not contribute to Planned Parenthood. In the last issue of Simply Stewardship we stated that they did. Frank Biondi Jr. is no longer with the company.

If you would like a complete list of what companies do contribute to Planned Parenthood simply call Life Decisions International at (716) 839-4420.

The Annual Fall Clothing Drive will be on October 4th at Waukesha Bible Church. Mark your calendars and watch the next issue of Simply Stewardship for further details. Start to sort and label your bags and boxes of clothing now so you're not so rushed in October!

Feel free to place as many ads as you like. There is no charge. We do limit your ads to three issues. That will give you six months to have your ad answered. If we have not heard from you after three issues have been printed, we will remove the ad. You may reinstate the ad in the next issue. It is very helpful to us if you keep in touch. Let us know when your ad was answered and should be removed. Please keep us updated with any changes you would like to make to your ads. The next issue's deadline date is always listed in each issue of Simply Stewardship.

ATTENTION!  
Next DEADLINE is  
August 26, 1997.  
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should be praising God and giving thanks. (Eph. 4:29 and 5:4.) Complaining and griping about those projects isn't appropriate either. Philippians 2:14 says, "Do all things without murmuring or disputing." What good is it to finally get that hallway painted if you nagged and complained all the way through it? Now every time your family sees the new paint job they will recall the unpleasant and ungodly atmosphere that it was accomplished in.

My prayer for all of us "plan ahead" people is that through the Spirit's guidance, we maintain

control of our attitudes and our tongues. This summer is quickly coming to a close. Is the completion of those projects worth the hurt and damage that you can cause if you loose control of your tongue? Instead, "Let us consider one another to stir up love and to good works, exhorting one another and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25. And, "Be filled with the Spirit; speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Ephesians 5:18-19.

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