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The Tongue

*Proverbs 10:19*

One's continual flow of words is self-will — the Holy Spirit is not giving him all those words. Proverbs 29:20; Proverbs 17:27; Proverbs 17:28. We must train our children by the proverbs. Is the transgression in Proverbs 10:19 speaking too much or has it already occurred and this is the result? The tongue without ceasing talks about things it shouldn't talk about. It is either life or death, so it's death; there is no intermediate place. What comes from the Spirit is life.

1 Peter 4:11 — Can we apply this to everyday life, talk that builds up and is not foolish, etc.? (But in the cahal only speech that is the utterance of God.) John 7:38,39. The flow is the Spirit, the breath of life. The tongue may speak of spiritual things from the mind. Some people have a natural gift of articulation. It is still death; who can say amen to it? Only those who are like-minded. Many of us, to our detriment, have good educations. We can think and debate an issue. This is just the soul without the spirit. It is death. Matthew 12:19; Proverbs 10:19. He spoke a lot and it dawned on him too late. He was finally speechless.

One may be active and industrious, not even talking and edifying others while working — they are just trying to get the job done. There may be gifted men who can work their head off, but that doesn't mean they are spiritual. They may just be competitive. Our activity must be from the Spirit or from the cross where the flesh is crucified. Then we will be building, not from the flesh, but from the Spirit. If you read the New Covenant you will see all these things. It is a matter of life and death.

Isaiah 49:8 — Our Master wants us to fulfill this. We are here to pass things on to others. We have to pray when we think we see things in others. We must think and pray and wait. Don't be too quick to speak or it might be accusation. The enemy can think for us; he is the accuser of the brothers. We must be careful in our judgments. We might be wrong. Check with a spiritual brother. Galatians 6:1. You who are spiritual. Remember when you look at yourself in the mirror; don't forget what you look like.

Anak: I've accomplished seemingly many noteworthy things but I feel dry and parched, like a wooden vessel. I want to be gold, someone who can pass on life and produce what will endure and not burn up. I know that the key to that has been brought to me. It is self-control, judging myself and reading His word, taking time for the things that are more valuable. I want to take care of the things I have charge of that have value -- my family and the wonderful godly men I work with. In judging others I have to judge myself first. Maybe then one day my Father would be able to speak to me in my heart to help somebody else.

(There was a rousing AMEN!)

Yoneq: That was an amen from the Holy Spirit. We confirmed your prayer. Our Father can grow a squash in three months but it takes a lifetime to grow an oak tree. Anak, you are an oak tree. We are all sons of thunder. We needed so much work done in us.

Hakam: I'm thankful for these teachings. We hear these things a lot but it's helped me to see more of how our Father is going to bring us to an end of doing things in our own strength. In my life I have so much momentum. Grace is that He does it through us. We only have to surrender our own will.

This is the first time I heard of how our Master can do something through us because His life is there. The way out of self-effort is by surrender. I hate the fruit of my own will. I want love to come out of me, His love, His desire, His will -- how He wants to build the Body. He's teaching us to truly surrender and walk as He walked every day. If we apply our will to be that way we

will be that way. Grace is when He does it. Don't be anxious but surrender yourself for the sake of love in every situation.

Yoneq: He's raising up rocks. He's capturing our heart, Anak's heart. He could've left that night but he didn't (years ago at a meeting when he was coming to the Edah). Don't pull up the weeds yet or you're liable to pull up the oak tree. We would have pulled up Derush a long time ago.

How many are happy? That means we're blessed. Can you imagine how happy He will be when His eternal purpose starts being fulfilled. The universe is vast beyond our imaginings.

It is required of us to bear fruit nobody has ever born.