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# Words of Truth

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## Too Many People Have A Voice Today

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The word of God states: *“In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise”* (Proverbs 10:19). From those words of wisdom you just read, we can learn that the more words that are spoken it is more likely the wrong things are being said. Throughout the Scriptures there are plenty of warnings about being careful not to talk too much (Proverbs 12:13, Proverbs 13:3, Proverbs 17:27-28, Proverbs 18:21, Proverbs 21:23, Ecclesiastes 5:1-3, Matthew 12:33-37, James 1:26-27, James 3:1-18, etc.). The fact is, we ought to take much time in thinking before we speak (Proverbs 15:28).

In the world today there are many avenues wherein people are granted the opportunity to reach others instantly. There is radio, newspapers, magazines, books, television, telephones, cellular communication devices, websites, internet blogs, social media, social media broadcasting, etc. Much of these avenues of communication are largely unfiltered. They are full of worldly wisdom. That means there is mostly foolishness being spread about (I Corinthians 3:19). In our country, the freedom to speak is generally interpreted to mean the freedom to talk ignorantly. There are no real checks and balances. The world, which is ungodly (I John 5:19), totally controls all of the available means of communication today.

There is a lot of talk around us through all of the means of communication available today. So, think again about how in the multitude of words there is not a lack of sin. Sources of information are not credible. Gossip is spread as news. Murder is blamed on firearms instead of murderers. Religious false teachers (i.e. the Pope, Al Sharpton, Joel Osteen, etc.) are quoted as though they speak for God. Reputations are ruined when the court of public opinion becomes the judge and jury. The fact is, lies have long been more believed than the truth ever will be (Isaiah 30:9-11, Jeremiah 5:31, Jeremiah 7:8, Proverbs 17:4, Romans 3:8, Galatians 3:1-3, I Timothy 4:1, II Timothy 3:13, II Timothy 4:1-5, etc.).

It is not good that man is able to speak without restrictions. It is not good that the world is so readily open. This has long lead to many problems. I know we may all think how we can easily spread the Gospel and how great that is. Yet, as the Scriptures cited above prove, lies are more often followed than truth is. Furthermore, when ignorant people are able to communicate with each other there is ALWAYS going to be more trouble than good that comes from that. God says that fools proclaim foolishness (Proverbs 12:23). We live in a world of foolish people. When worldly people are of one voice, trouble comes. Let's think about that.

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## When The World Is Unrestrained In Communication, Trouble Abounds

Consider the following: *“And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth”* (Genesis 11:1-9).

### Now Consider Some Applications

Like the days of Babel, man today is unrestricted in communication. It has lead to and will continue to lead to many problems. Thus, we need to be on guard. God says: *“The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going”* (Proverbs 14:15). We cannot be naive (Proverbs 1:22; 1:32; 8:5; 14:18). We need to understand that we live in an era of unrestricted sinful talk. We have to be careful what we hear, how we hear it, and what we repeat (Psalms 34:13, Proverbs 6:16-19, Proverbs 16:28, Proverbs 17:4, Proverbs 18:13, Proverbs 19:5, Mark 4:24, Ephesians 4:15, and Ephesians 4:25-29).

Some of us might think we are not affected by all of the freedom of foolish talk about us. It is ignorant of any of us to think that this world is not influencing us. The Lord says: *“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners”* (I Corinthians 15:33). Thus, we must make sure we follow this: *“But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness”* (II Timothy 2:16). You have to be your own filter. You have to test everything you hear and discern right from wrong (I Thessalonians 5:21). Don't get it backwards either. Don't think it is right until proven wrong. Think that what you hear is wrong until proven right.

### Conclusion

Don't lose sight of the fact that we are the prey in this world (Matthew 10:16). There are too many voices in our world today. Remember that their wisdom will perish (I Corinthians 2:6). Don't conform to the messages of the many voices of our day (Romans 12:1-2).