

“A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That Every Idle Word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the Day of Judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.” *Matthew 12:35-37 KJV*



Idle words are impulsive words spoken without forethought of consequences. We are most often guilty of these when among friends either in jest or humor, but most impulse thoughts are from the bowels of Hell itself! Oh, in the beginning of the conversation they may not be so bad, but did you ever consider your witty comeback may just be a satanic impulse? He doesn't start out by giving you sinful or even harmful thoughts; he just wants you to get used to saying whatever he pops into your head. We've all done it. Soon wit turns to revengeful words and the sin, and **YOU WILL GIVE ACCOUNT!** How often do curse words or blasphemy explode from a thoughtful mind? It is most often in the heat of emotion that Satan delights to feed us retorts and thoughts, which we use without thinking, against another; most often a loved one! Do you carefully consider your answers before giving them or do your emotions of the moment generally color your responses? We are all guilty! Sometimes no answer is the best comeback! *A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger.* It's better to be the loved one hurt than the hurtful loved one. Believers have a place to lay all their pain and anguish. *“Casting ALL YOUR CARE upon [Christ] for He careth for you!”* What a Friend we have in Jesus...Take it to the Lord in prayer!

When tempted to retort in kind,
Control the thought within your mind,
With Godly thought and kindly word,
Make others words appear absurd. ~CGP

It is oh so easy to yield to the impulse of a witty retort, but the three rules of spoken word are: Is it true? Is it kind? and Is it necessary? When these three parameters guide your speech you can rest assured idle words will be few or non-existent! It takes a lot of discipline to keep your mouth shut. If you've ever tried to do it you know how hard it is! God's Word in our thoughts is the first line of defense in any conversation. *“The entrance of Thy Words giveth Light and understanding to the simple. In ALL thy ways (thoughts) acknowledge [God] and He shall direct thy paths (words).”* You can apologize for hurtful words, but never erase their memory! If you don't know what to say, say nothing. You'll have nothing to regret later, because once spoken, your words are no longer yours.

“Who can understand his errors? Cleanse Thou me from secret faults. Keep back Thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the Great Transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy Sight, O LORD, my Strength, and my Redeemer.” *Psalms 19:12-14 KJV*