

BE THE LIGHT, Part 2

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Ephesians 5:15-17 (NASB77)

15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, 16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil. **17 So then do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is.**

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(NLT2) ¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity

(MSG) ¹⁵ So watch your step. Use your head. ¹⁶ Make the most of every chance you get.

(TPT) ... live honorably with true wisdom, for we are living in evil times. Take full advantage of every day as you spend your life for His purposes. And don't live foolishly for then you will have discernment to fully understand God's will.

I. YOUR MOUTH

Proverbs 18:21 (NKJV) ²¹ Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue...

(NLT2) ²¹ The tongue can bring death or life...

(MSG) ²¹ Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit—you choose.

(TPT) Your words are so powerful that they will kill or give life...

Psalm 141:3

(NKJV) ³ Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.

(NLT2) ³ Take control of what I say, O LORD, and guard my lips.

(MSG) ³ Post a guard at my mouth, GOD, set a watch at the door of my lips.

(TPT) God, give me grace to guard my lips from speaking what is wrong.

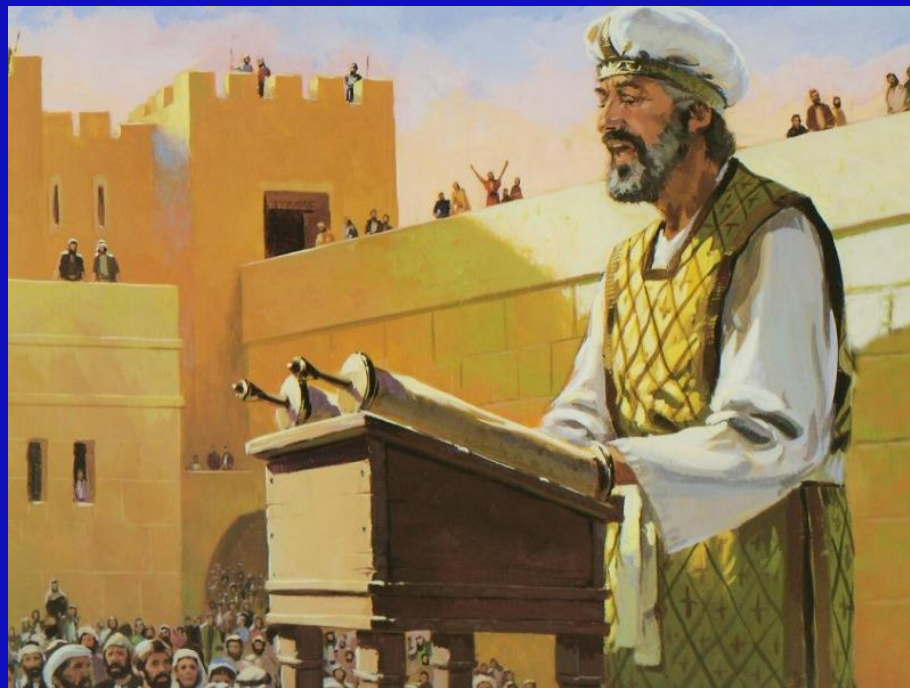
II. YOUR HEART

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- **Ezra deals with the heart and worship**



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- **NEHEMIAH's rebuilds the walls of protection**



James 5:17 NKJV

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

III. YOUR WORDS

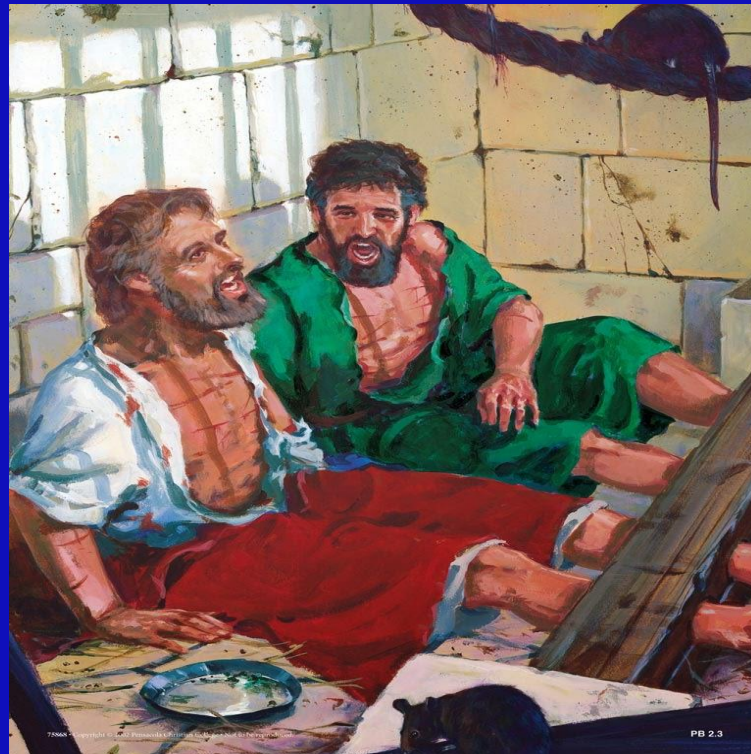
1 Peter 2:22-23 (NASB77)

22 WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; 23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;



Acts 16:24-25 (TPT)

So the jailer placed them in the innermost cell of the prison and had their feet bound and chained. Paul and Silas, undaunted, prayed in the middle of the night and sang songs of praise to God, while all the other prisoners listened to their worship.



III. YOUR WORDS

Acts 28 Paul is shipwrecked off Malta...



Jeremiah 46:17 (NASB77)

17 " They cried there, 'Pharaoh king of Egypt *is but* a big noise; He has let the appointed time pass by!'

(NLT2) ¹⁷ There they will say, 'Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, is a loudmouth who missed his opportunity!'

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SPEAK LIFE!