

JUST SAYIN'

Part 1

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- ✓ Your tongue affects your _____.
- ✓ Your tongue determines _____ of your life.
- ✓ Your tongue can _____ into your life and the lives of other people.
- ✓ You have a _____ in what your tongue says.
- ✓ You can change the direction of your life by _____.
- ✓ Your words are shaped by what _____ in your heart.

Matthew 12:34-37 AMP You offspring of vipers! How can you speak good things when you are evil (wicked)? For out of the fullness (the overflow, the superabundance) of the heart the mouth speaks. (35) The good man from his inner good treasure flings forth good things, and the evil man out of his inner evil storehouse flings forth evil things. (36) But I tell you, on the day of judgment men will have to give account for every idle (inoperative, nonworking) word they speak. (37) For by your words you will be justified and acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned and sentenced.

Start Your Engine!

Philemon 1:6 KJV That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

“every _____ which is in you in Christ Jesus.”

“may become effectual...”

(Greek: *energeo* - energized or _____)

“acknowledging...”

(Greek: *epignosis* - a well-instructed, intensive, deep knowledge _____)

1. The key is the _____.
2. The ignition is _____.
3. The key is turned in the ignition when you _____ and start to speak God's Word.
4. The good things in you _____ the moment you start speaking the Word.

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- ✓ Your tongue can inject poison into your life and the lives of other people.
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- ✓ You can change the direction of your life by changing your words.
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1. The key is the Word of God.
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