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- Teachers have more accountability.
- Believers have accountability too.

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- Our imperfections can be perfected.
- Self control involves controlling our lips.

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- Small things often deliver large results.
- Big things are often controlled by little things.

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- Our tongues do more than we realize.
- Never underestimate the power of words.
- Controlling our words begins with our hearts.

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THE HEART OF THE MATTER IS A MATTER OF THE HEART

MATTHEW 15

¹⁸ “But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. ¹⁹ For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.”

LUKE 6

⁴³ “For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. ⁴⁴ Forevery tree is known by its own fruit. For *men* do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. ⁴⁵ A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.”

PSALM 19

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in Your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

PSALM 49

³ My mouth shall speak wisdom,
and the meditation of my heart
shall give understanding.

PROVERBS 15

²⁸ The heart of the righteous studies how to answer,
but the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.

PROVERBS 16

²³ The heart of the wise teaches his mouth,
and adds learning to his lips.

ECCLESIASTES 5

² Do not be rash with your mouth,
and let not your heart utter anything hastily before God.
For God *is* in heaven, and you on earth;
therefore let your words be few.

IS THIS REALLY JUST ABOUT BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION?

THIS IS NOT REALLY ABOUT BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION BUT IT IS ALL ABOUT HEART TRANSFORMATION

WHERE IS THE GOSPEL IN ALL THIS HEART AND MOUTH STUFF?

ROMANS 10 ⁴ For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, “The man who does those things shall live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*) ⁷ or, “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. ¹³ For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”