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THE PAGE

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Getting GBC ladies on the same page.

Why did you say that?

Legend has it that in 1945, William "Billy Goat" Sianis, brought his pet goat to game 4 of the World Series hoping to bring luck to his team, the Chicago Cubs. He and his goat were ushered out and it is said that he called back, "Them Cubs, they ain't gonna win no more!" Their 71 years of losing was blamed on this "curse."

Now, you and I both know (though Pastor may disagree) that their losses could be attributed to poor management, lack of individual skills, bad weather, or any number of issues. We know that it was not about the goat!

As I studied Proverbs 26, I was struck by how hurtful we as people can be with our words. We hurl them

like spears at other people. But often the angry words don't come because of our situation or how another person has treated us, they come from our heart. A heart that is angry, hurt, or envious. It's not about the goat... or anything else we want to blame our wrong words on; it's about the heart.

Matthew 12:34, "...for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

If there are issues going on in our hearts, it will come out in the words we say.

Signs the heart has issues:

1. Nitpicking

Prov. 26:24, "He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him;"

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BOOK RECOMMENDATION



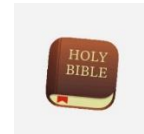
"Mind the Gap" is a brand-new book by Terrie Chappell that I am looking forward to reading!

PODCAST RECOMMENDATION

I just listened to this message and it's fantastic! Link:

<https://youtu.be/jckVMd1IXmg?>

FURTHER BIBLE STUDY



Study these verses in Proverbs about words and ask yourself if you are using yours right: Prov. 8:8, 10:19, 15:1, 15:26, 16:24, 17:27, 18:8, 29:20.

FOR GIGGLES



I'm fine
(phr.)

The 2nd most told lie.
The 1st one is "I have read and agreed to the terms and conditions."

“Dissembleth” means to look very closely at someone. In this case, it would be to find faults. I always heard the term “nitpicking” as a way to look closely at someone’s faults, but I think this is a term used when searching hair for lice. Not a pleasant term! I hope that is not how I am towards people. Focused on one flaw and dismissing the good. That screams of a critical heart, and it will show forth in critical words.

2. Hidden agendas

Prov. 26:25, “When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations in his heart.” Sweet-talker is a kind term for “master manipulator.” When we say what the person wants to hear in order to get our way, we should not be trusted. Manipulation is getting someone to do something or to agree to something that you know they don’t want to do. People are not to be used. If we view people as pawns in our game of life, there are serious issues in our hearts.

3. Lying tongues

Prov. 26:28, “A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.”

Lies are not kind. If we can’t say anything nice without lying, then it’s better to just not say anything. Lies might sound good, but there’s a fakeness to the words.

They aren’t genuine; they aren’t true. I wonder if we recognize the lies when we use “Christian words,” like “Praise the Lord,” or “Praying for you,” but our hearts are far from God.

There are repercussions to having this type of heart, and one is that we become the brunt of all the cliches. You’ve heard them: “What goes around comes around,” “You get what you give,” and “She made her bed; now she has to lie in it.”

Our passage says it this way: Prov. 26:27, “Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.”

People who hurt others with their words will have poor relationships and a

lack of joy because those are the consequences for that type of heart.

When you feel the need to pick people apart, to manipulate, or to lie, examine your heart for where these words originated. Why are you trying to appear better than them? Why the need to get your own way? What undealt-with hurt might be causing this?

Often, what we are saying has less to do with the person we are addressing or the situation we are facing, and more to do with our hearts. Don’t blame the goat. Dig deep and find out why you really said that.