

The Tree of Life

A. The Creative Tongue.

1. We were made to be creative adults in the family of God.

Gen 1:26 And God said, **Let us make man in our image, after our likeness**: and let them have dominion over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate [to be] **conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Joh 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater [works] than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

2. We create by our choices.

Deu 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you. I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Jos 1:8 **This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth**; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

3. We create with our words because God creates with His Word.

Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. God created the earth and all on it by speaking 10 times.

Num 14:22 All those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and **have tempted me now these ten times**, and have not hearkened to my voice; v23 they shall not see the land which I promised they will die in the wilderness.

Heb 1:3 Who being the brightness of [his] glory, and the express image of his person, and **upholding all things by the word of his power**, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; *So should we also uphold all by the Word of His power in our mouths; in other words, **create your world with your word.***

4. We have what we say.

Mat 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as [it is] in heaven.

Mar 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; **he shall have whatsoever he saith.**

Joh 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, **ye shall ask what ye will**, and it shall be done unto you.

1Pe 3:10 For he that will **love life**, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

B. The Tongue of Life.

1. The wholesome tongue.

Pro 15:4a A wholesome tongue [is] a tree of life:

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his **belly** shall flow rivers of living water. v39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet [given]; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Pro 18:20 A man's **belly** shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; [and] with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. v21b....and they that love it (*i.e. the tongue*) shall eat the fruit thereof.

2. The tongue guides our lives into goodness or evil.

Pro 15:4b but a perverse tongue [is] a breach in the spirit. *A breach is a gap as in a wall battered open by military action.*

Jam 3:3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. v4 Behold also the ships, which though [they be] so great, and [are] driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. v5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

3. Our tongues should speak life and not death.

Prov 18:21 **Death and life** are in the power of the tongue.

Jam 3:6 And the tongue [is] a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

Psa 34:12 What man **desires life**, [and] loveth [many] days, that he may see good?

Psa 34:13 **Keep thy tongue from evil**, and thy lips from speaking guile.

Psa 34:14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

4. Our tongues should say what God says.

Tit 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the **hope of eternal life**. v 3:8 [This is] a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly.

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and **the life**.

Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath **perfected** for ever them that are sanctified.

Jam 3:2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same [is] a **perfect man**, [and] able also to bridle the whole body.

C. The Fountain of Life.

1. God is our Fountain of Life.

Psa 36:9 For with thee [is] the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

Joh 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

Joh 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

2. The Fear of the Lord is a Fountain of Life.

Pro 14:27 The fear of the LORD [is] a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death

Isa 11:2 The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; v:3 And shall make him of quick (**i.e., life giving**) understanding in the fear of the LORD.

3. The Law of the Lord is a Fountain of Life.

Pro 13:14 The law of the wise [is] a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

Jam 3:10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. v:12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so [can] **no fountain both yield salt water and fresh**.

Jam 3:13 Who [is] a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a **good conversation** his works with meekness of wisdom.

4. Our tongues release the Fountain of Life.

Be a God chaser. Let your days be Jesus centered, which means that you are life centered. Dwell in the secret place of the Most High God so as to give no place to the enemy. You do this by remaining under His anointing, living under the umbrella of the protection of the Blood of Jesus. Here are five recommendations of how to live a life centered day.

1. Confess your sins frequently based on 1 John 1:9.

2. Be a loving forgiving person. Matt 18:34-35

3. Receive Communion frequently. Suggestion is morning and evening.

4. Affirm your health and healing. I have been healed by the stripes of Jesus. 1 Pet 2:24

5. Do not cancel your prayers with your words. To help you, affirm Ps 19:14 & 1 Cor 2:16

Note: You have what you say; so say what you want.

Mark 11:23

Here is an example of Jesus. Lazarus sleeps but I go to awaken him.

John 10:11