

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

HOW TO GET
YOUR EMOTIONS
AND WORDS
UNDER GOD'S
CONTROL

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CHAPTER 1



Death or Life?

The title for this study is a question: “What Did You Say?” As we follow this theme, you may be in for some surprises!

Let me begin by pointing out something very significant about the way in which the Creator designed the human head. Every one of us has seven openings in our head, the number in Scripture which often denotes completeness. We have three pairs of openings: two eyes, two ears, and two nostrils. But the Creator restricted the seventh opening to one, the mouth. I have often asked people, “How many of you wish you had more than one mouth?” But I have never met anyone who did. Most of us have all we can do

to use one mouth properly. This one opening causes us more problems than all the other six together!

If you take a Bible concordance and look up all the words related to that one opening such as “mouth,” “tongue,” “lips,” “speech,” “words,” and so on, you will be amazed how much the Bible has to say about this subject, and it is with good reason. There is no area in our personality more directly related to our total well-being than our mouth and tongue.

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In the first section of this study I wish to share a number of passages of Scripture which all emphasize the vital importance of the mouth and the tongue. Then, in subsequent sections, I will deal with principles that arise out of these Scriptures. First, we will consider Psalm 34:11–13:

*Come, my children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Whoever of you loves life
and desires to see many good days, keep your
tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking lies. (NIV)*