

The Year of Harvest

Prayer Guide

Week 40

The Year of Harvest – The Fruit of Our Lips

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name..

Hebrews 13:15 (NKJV)



Prayer Focus: One of the first ways a person will be able to demonstrate the reality of Jesus living within, is through how he or she speaks. We seem to live in a time when griping and complaining are esteemed. It is your right, or almost your duty to complain about what you don't like. Then there is the issue of how Christians use their speech. It has been said that if you want to know whether a person is demonstrating the Christian life, ask their waitress. It is a sad commentary both inside and outside the walls of the church that the way many Christians talk is anything but full of praise and thanksgiving. More often than not we are speaking negatively about someone else, or what we don't like about the pastor, or the worship leader. What a sad commentary on the condition of today's church. Paul says that we are to expect that we should be able to continually expect a certain "fruit of our lips." Jesus said that out of the heart the mouth speaks. What is the fruit of our lips? Paul states here that it should be the sacrifice of praise and the giving of thanks to the Name of the Lord. The Christian should be so full of praise and thanksgiving for all the blessings of the Lord that it would be natural for the fruit of his or her lips to be praise and thanksgiving to the Lord. Can we be honest with ourselves and with the Lord, and say that the fruit of our lips is not always what it should be. Let us take time to examine our hearts, to repent, and determine by God's grace to bear the harvest in our lives of the fruit of our lips...the sacrifice of praise and the giving of thanks to our glorious Lord.

Day 1: Find verses today that talk about praise and thanksgiving. Begin to memorize some of these.

Day 2: Allow the Lord to speak clearly and honestly to you about how he hears your speech.

Day 3: Repent for the ways that you have not offered the fruit of thanksgiving and praise from your lips.

Day 4: Practice each day giving thanks for something in your life. There is always something.

Day 5: Pray that the people in your church would carefully examine their own lives and speech.

Day 6: Pray for other believers in your city to be people of praise and thanksgiving to God.

Day 7: Ask the Lord to bless the missionaries you know with hearts of thanksgiving and praise.