What... is in your mouth?

Mt 12:33-37 / Prov. 18:21

A Warriors Guide to a Better Life
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- **WHAT** – is usually represents the source to the question **WHY**
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The Heart - the source to our WHY’s

- Why we say what we say
- Why we do what we do

- As in water face reflects face, So a man’s heart reveals the man. (Pr 27:19).
A. What is the Heart?

- καρδία (kardia) - The heart: the central core to a person.
- In Hebrew psychology the heart is the center of moral consciousness and the seat of the affections.
- The heart consists of the inner self that thinks, feels, and decides.
- Purpose, Intention, and Will are all activities of the heart.
- The heart represents a person’s true character or personality.
- The heart is the seat of one’s entire mental and moral activity, containing both rational and emotional elements.
- It is the seat of feelings, desires, joy, pain, and love.

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• “Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. 34 You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. 36 But I tell you that men will have to give account on the Day of Judgment for every careless word they have spoken. 37 For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.” (Mt 12:33-37 -NIV).
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• If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion is useless. (Jas 1:26).

• 7 People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, 8 but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. 9 Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. 10 And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! (Jas 3:7–10).
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There are 3 details that make the MOUTH most essential?

A. We have the POWER to change or alter the environment or destiny
   (Mk 11:22-23)
A. We have the power of LIFE & DEATH
   (Prov 18:21)
A. You are accountable for every word you speak (Matt 12:36-37)
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- **Balaam** means: *(bela ʿ and ʿām)* “devourer of people”
A. Balaam’s vocation: He was considered by some scholars to be a bārû priest.

- The bārû (a divinatory or astrological priest) declared the divine will through signs and omens, and was by some considered to have been a prophet. The bārû was in position to advise any royal employer.

- This was a form of witchcraft which was a means for extracting information or guidance from a pagan god. Another word for an interpreter of omens is a “whisperer”.

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- Through his advice to Balak He caused Israel to
  1. Worship other gods
  2. Commit Immorality with the Moabite women
  3. 24,000 people died because of Balaam’s “whispers”