March 9

New Life

Gossip

 Read: Proverbs 25:23. Gossip also brings hurt feelings, and crushes the character of the victim, but when you look the list of wicked behaviors a gossip is included – Read: Romans 1:29-30.

 If we speak evil of another we do not have God’s love in us – Read: I Corinthians 13:6. If we love one another we do not gossip about one another.

 If you’ve ever been a victim of malicious gossip, you’ll know that you don’t want to make anyone else the victim of your gossip.

 Like the old cliché, “Don’t say anything about someone if you can’t say something nice”, lends us good advice.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Proverbs 26:20.

PRAYER THOUGHT: May I never hurt anyone with gossip, to insure that help me never to gossip.

March 10

New Life

The Tongue

 Oh the tongue – Read: James 3:5a.

 The tongue is small but it controls our person completely – Read: James 3:3-5.

 Yes, the tongue is a deadly weapon. It is one of the most uncontrollable parts of the body! If we could only learn to control our tongue and speak only praises to God and good to others.

 Our tongue is or can be one of our greatest tools for witnessing to Jesus, even if we don’t lay out the Gospel, just our pleasant manner, kind and loving words and the way we say what we say.

 Our whole destiny can depend on our tongue, how we use it to project ourselves to others and the Lord! We must THINK before we speak.

VERSE FOR TODAY: James 3:7, 8a.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me, O Lord, to be mindful of how deadly my tongue can be and help me to keep it under control.

March 11

New Life

Double Trouble

 How many times have we said something then wished we’d kept our mouth shut? Our tongue seems to serve a dual purpose, we are loving and wholesome with our tongue or hateful and mean. Keeping our tongue is very important – Read: Proverbs 21:23.

Read: James 3:10, 11. We all know someone with a foul mouth except in the presence of the minister or on Sunday, this is not how we should be, we have to put our whole being into our daily life as a Christian, that includes our tongue and everyday of the week and no matter whose company we are in.

We are responsible for our words – Read: Proverbs 18:20-21. The life we are preserving or destroying is our own life!

VERSE FOR TODAY: James 1:26.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me to be of one mind and of one speech being that of the things of the Lord.

March 12

Christian Life

Our Strength

 Our strength comes from the Lord – He protects the lives of his faithful people but he wicked disappear in darkness; a man does not triumph by his own strength. I Samuel 2:9 GNB.

 When we feel weak and helpless there is strength in the Lord, as the Lord’s answer to Paul – Read: II Corinthians 12:9a.

We should feel as Paul did – Read: II Corinthians 12:9b, 10. If we call upon the Lord during weak times in our life and faith, then He will make us strong.

 If our strength comes from the Lord we will always be strong enough – Read: Philippians 4:13.

 As a familiar song goes “They are weak but He is strong” from “Jesus Loves Me.” We are weak and He is strong, so depend on the Lord for strength and know you cannot make it on your own.

VERSE FOR TODAY: The way of the Lord is strength to the upright: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity. Proverbs 19:29 KJV.

PRAYER THOUGHT: I know I haven’t made it so far and can’t go on without your strength to hold me steadfast on my way, thank-you, O Lord, for the rock you have been for me to lean on.

March 13

Christian Life

Light and Dark

 God is the Light of the world, God loves the light, evil hates the light – Read: John 3:19. Not many robberies take place in broad daylight, same with people who are evil, they do not come to the Light of Jesus because they cannot or will not admit their evil deeds. Just like dust on the furniture, it does not show up until the sun shines across it, so it is with our lives we don’t realize how miserably we have sinned until we let the light of Jesus shine on us and show up our sins.

 This can also work in the opposite way – Read: John 3:21. Just like looking a painting or picture the light brings out the quality more vividly. Same with us if walk in the light our good deeds will also show more clearly in the world.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Matthew 5:16.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me not to conform to worldly situations I may be put in, but may I always let your light shine and show your light to others, O Lord.

March 14

Christian Life

Idols

 There are many forms of idols, the golden calf that the Israelites worshipped is the most vivid example of an idol, but we today also have idols. Our everyday things can also become idols, if we would rather stay home on Sunday and watch TV, that’s an idol. Taking our money and spending it on fancy cars, and other unneeded items instead of giving it to the Lord, then money is an idol, as well as the fancy car, anything we think more highly of than our love for the Lord, we are worshipping, they can become idols. – Read: Exodus 20:5, 6.

 Our Lord loves us but he demands our full attention, we cannot allow the things of this life to stand in our way of showing our love to the Lord.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Colossians 3:1.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Please O Lord, let me recognize if someone or something has became an idol so I can remove it and refocus my sight on you.

March 15

Christian Life

Fear

 We should not fear the things of this world – Read: Isaiah 41:10.

 God is in control of our being – Read: Matthew 10:28.

 We must fear God but not in a way that keeps us from talking to God, we must be in awe and reverence – Read: II Corinthians 7:1.

After all the Holy Spirit was not given to make us afraid – Read: II Timothy 1:7

 Love does not produce fear – Read: I John 4:18. God loves us, love comes from God so we should not run scared of God but rejoice in his love and hold God in highest reverence.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Hebrews 12:28.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Please help me to always worship you in a way to please you, O Lord, with awe and reverence.

March 16

Christian Life

Armor

 The armies of the Bible, and the medieval armies of Europe, wore armor to protect themselves against the weapons of their enemies.

 Today, as Christians, we have to put on the Spiritual Armor provided by the Holy Spirit to protect us from the Devil’s attacks – Read:. Ephesians 6:12, 11.

 The following is the armor supplied by God taken from Ephesians 6:14-18:

* The belt of truth
* The breastplate of righteousness
* Feet ready from the gospel of peace
* The shield of faith, to put out the burning arrows of the Evil One
* The helmet of salvation
* The sword of the Spirit being the Word of God
* Do all of this in prayer asking God’s help

Our armor must be kept on at all times, not letting our guard down, so the Devil cannot have his evil way in our lives.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Ephesians 6:13.

PRAYER THOUGHT: O Lord, thank-you for the protection against Satan you provide.