

Wake up!



Talking. Tasting. Speaking.

The tongue is a tricky little member of the body. While it can be used for good—words of encouragement, salvation and praise—it can also be used for evil. Insults, sarcasm, and lies are right on the tip of the tongue. Left to its natural self, the tongue cannot be trusted. Thankfully God has provided a way.

“The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of the learned, that I may know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as the learned.” Isaiah 50:4

Why has God given us the tongue of the learned?

So we will know how to speak a word of encouragement to those who are tired.

Tired of the circumstances.

Tired of dealing with marriage problems (It wasn't supposed to be this hard was it?).

Tired of that nagging sin problem.

Tired of getting kicked when down.

Just plain old tired.

But there is a catch:

We gotta show up to hear from Him so we can speak *His words*. Every morning. Why every morning? Because everyday we are going to run into people who need the kind of help that only comes from the Creator of the universe. Someone who doesn't know Jesus is depending on you today for the help they need. Our words don't change hearts, lives or souls. Only God's word has that kind of power.

The connection.

There's a connections from the ear to the tongue. We meet. He speaks. We hear. We speak.

If we don't meet with Him, we can't speak for Him



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. We miss out and so do those we do life with.

Read this same verse in the NASB:

“The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of disciples, That I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a

disciple."

Wow. I want a tongue of a *disciple*.

What would the tongue of a disciple say? Words of faith. Words of truth. Words of love. How does a person listen as a disciple? They seek sound teaching, laying aside lesser things in order to choose better things. They pick out their Master's voice over the babble of a thousand voices, leaning in to catch every word. What do disciples listen **for**? Opportunities to share the gospel, commands from their teacher, and occasions to learn.

Next Steps:

1. **Wake up!** Set your alarm 15 minutes earlier than usual and open God's word.
2. **Pick out!** Pick a few verses that speak to you, write them on note cards and memorize them!
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Have a blessed day!

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