Doctrine of Lips

1. Moses spoke of having uncircumcised lips. By that he meant his lips were not perfect enough, his speech was not wise enough to go before Pharaoh on behalf of the Lord.

   - Exodus 6:12 And Moses spake before the Lord, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who am of uncircumcised lips?

2. Much evil is committed with the lips.

   - Swearing. Leviticus 5:4 Or if a soul swear, pronouncing with his lips to do evil, or to do good, whatsoever it be that a man shall pronounce with an oath, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty in one of these.

   - Foolish counsel. Job 2:10 But he [Job] said unto her [his wife], Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

3. It is the will of the Lord that what a person vows to perform is to be honored.

   - Deuteronomy 23:23 That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform; even a freewill offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the Lord thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth.

4. Sometimes, in emotional duress the lips will move but no words are able to be uttered.

   - 1 Samuel 1:13 Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.

5. When God moves to judge a people He will cause a bridle to be placed in their lips to guide them in a direction they would not go.

   - 2 Kings 19:28 Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

6. The Lord will fill a perfect man or a just man’s lips with joy.

   - Job 8:21 Till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with rejoicing.

7. Zophar, the Naamathite, desired that God would open His lips against his friend Job.

   - Job 11:5 But oh that God would speak, and open his lips against thee;
8. Job pleaded with his lips to establish his integrity.

- Job 13:6 Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips.

9. Eliphaz, the Temanite, was determined to condemn Job by the testimony of his own lips.

- Job 15:6 Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I: yea, thine own lips testify against thee.

10. As our lips can bring condemnation, so they can be used to bring comfort.

- Job 16:5 But I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should assuage your grief.

11. Job honored the commandments of God and valued the words of His mouth.

- Job 23:12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

12. Job determined not to speak wickedness, which is a good virtue to emulate.

- Job 27:4 My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.

13. Job did not hesitate to defend himself from the presuppositional indictments of his friends who had allegedly come to comfort him. What they had really come to do was to accuse him and find out what great sin he had done that he should be suffering so much.

- Job 32:20 I will speak, that I may be refreshed: I will open my lips and answer.

14. It is possible for a person to express their own righteousness and speak knowledge clearly.

- Job 33:3 My words shall be of the uprightness of my heart: and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly.

15. Some people speak insincere words with a flattering language.

- Psalms 12:2 They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.

16. The Lord listens to meaningless conversations and in time will move to silence flattering lips and words of self exaltation.

- Psalms 12:3 The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things:
17. The wicked place an unwarranted value on their ability to persuade others.

- *Psalms 12:4* Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us?

18. The praise of false gods like Baal of old, or Allah of today, must not be found on the lips of the righteous.

- *Psalms 16:4* Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.

19. It is not wrong to petition the Lord by pleading for Him to listen to unfeigned (truthful) lips.

- *Psalms 17:1* A Prayer of David. Hear the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

20. The words of God will keep a person from the path of the destroyer.

- *Psalms 17:4* Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.

21. God is often pleased to give His children the desires of their hearts and the requests of their lips.

- *Psalms 21:2* Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah.

22. The Christian should pray for lying lips to be silenced in any and every form of life, from religious charlatans, to government officials, to one’s neighbors.

- *Psalms 31:18* Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contumuously against the righteous.

23. The Christian is to guard the tongue from speaking words that are injurious to self and others, and from speaking that which is deceitful.

- *Psalms 34:13* Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

24. Righteousness is to be proclaimed to all who will listen.

- *Psalms 40:9* I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, thou knowest.
25. The Christian can praise the Lord of lords.

- **Psalms 45:2** Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

26. The heart of the believer should pray for words of praise to be placed in the mouth in order to worship more effectively.

- **Psalms 51:15** O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

27. At the root of every sin is the belief that God does not exist or if He does, He does not care for His creation.

- **Psalms 59:7** Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords are in their lips: for who, say they, doth hear?

28. The righteous will pray for the proud to be caught up in their own rhetoric.

- **Psalms 59:12** For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying which they speak.

29. The righteous want to praise the Lord because of His many acts of lovingkindness.

- **Psalms 63:3** Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

30. The soul of the saint that mediates upon God as Savior shall always be satisfied resulting in joyful praise.

- **Psalms 63:5** My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

31. In times of trouble an individual might make a vow to God. When this is done the vow should be honored.

- **Psalms 66:13** I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows, 14 Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.

32. Singing songs to the Sovereign brings forth joy in the redeemed heart.

- **Psalms 71:23** My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

33. It is not wrong to make a covenant with God, but it should be kept.

- **Psalms 89:34** My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.
34. Because Moses did not guard his heart as carefully as he could have, and should have, he spoke unadvisedly with his lips.

- *Psalms 106:33* Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

35. The lips of the righteous speak of spiritual matters.

- Judgment. *Psalms 119:13* With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.
- Praise. *Psalms 119:171* My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

36. The righteous pray to be able to always speak the truth.

- *Psalms 120:2* Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue.

37. The lips of the unrighteous are distinguished by a stiletto sharpness and verbal poison.

- *Psalms 140:3* They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison is under their lips. Selah.
- *Romans 3:13* Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:

38. The righteous are permitted to pray imprecatory prayers.

- *Psalms 140:9* As for the head of those that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

39. The righteous will pray they will not speak in a perverse or improper way.

- *Proverbs 4:24* Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

40. The righteous will seek wisdom so that their lips will keep knowledge.

- *Proverbs 5:2* That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge.

41. The lips of an immoral woman can sound sweet with seductiveness.

- *Proverbs 5:3* For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:
42. An immoral woman can be persuasive.

* Proverbs 7:21 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him.

43. The righteous speak of things which are pure and good.

* Proverbs 8:6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.

44. The righteous abhor wicked speech.

* Proverbs 8:7 For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

45. The lips of the righteous speak wisdom if there is spiritual understanding.

* Proverbs 10:13 In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.

46. It is possible to hide hatred in the heart with lying lips.

* Proverbs 10:18 He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.

47. The righteous will be swift to hear and slow to speak.

* Proverbs 10:19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise.

48. Many will be blessed by the words of a righteous person.

* Proverbs 10:21 The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.

49. Part of wisdom is knowing when to speak and when to keep quite.

* Proverbs 10:32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked speaketh frowardness.

50. Eventually, the words of the wicked will become a snare.

* Proverbs 12:13 The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.
51. The Lord delights in truth and abhors falsehood.

- Proverbs 12:22 Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight.

52. Life awaits those who can control their words while death awaits those who cannot.

- Proverbs 13:3 He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

53. The lips of the righteous shall prove to be a source of strength and preservation.

- Proverbs 14:3 In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

54. The righteous are to leave the physical presence of a foolish person speaking falsehood.

- Proverbs 14:7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge.

55. Poverty awaits those who cannot control the conversation.

- Proverbs 14:23 In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.

56. Knowledge is pleasantly dispensed by the lips of the wise.

- Proverbs 15:7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish doeth not so.

57. A righteous king will render a just verdict.

- Proverbs 16:10 A divine sentence is in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment.

58. A good king delights in individuals who will speak truth.

- Proverbs 16:13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right.

59. Language is sweet to the heart that hears the truth and can increase in knowledge.

- Proverbs 16:21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.
60. From a wise heart will come words of wisdom.

- *Proverbs 16:23 The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.*

61. The unrighteous will often speak passionate words that are injurious to self and others.

- *Proverbs 16:27 An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips there is as a burning fire.*

62. The unrighteous will deliberately close his eyes to inappropriate actions and open his lips to bring injury to others. There is a reckless carelessness to those who are wicked.

- *Proverbs 16:30 He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.*

63. It is a strange phenomenon, but a person who acts in a wicked manner will listen and obey lying lips.

- *Proverbs 17:4 A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.*

64. Those in governing positions should not be characterized by lies, for they bring disrespect to the dignity of their position.

- *Proverbs 17:7 Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince.*

65. Silent lips can present even a fool as being wise.

- *Proverbs 17:28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.*

66. A foolish person likes to argue.

- *Proverbs 18:6 A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.*

67. The foolish person will be ensnared by his own words and will be destroyed.

- *Proverbs 18:7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.*

68. Rarely do words go forth without consequences. Evil (injurious) words produce death. Wholesome words produce life.

- *Proverbs 18:20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.*
69. All of life is summarized in the word choice, first demonstrated in the Garden of Eden. There is the way of integrity which even a poor person can choose, and there is the way of the foolish person characterized by self-will and ignorance. The question comes, “Will you choose a life of integrity or a life without God?” Today is the hour of decision.

- Proverbs 19:1 Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

70. Scholastic knowledge is valuable and even more so is spiritual knowledge.

- Proverbs 20:15 There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.

71. The person who will flatter and share intimate details with one person will also slander the same person to someone else.

- Proverbs 20:19 He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.

72. It is the pure in heart that shall see the King of kings for He delights in gracious lips.

- Proverbs 22:11 He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend.

73. It is one thing to hear the words of wisdom, it is another to submit to and apply them. When godly knowledge is applied to the life it is a pleasant or good thing, for there is no sense of shame or guilt.

- Proverbs 22:18 For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips.

74. A good father is pleased when his children act wisely. So is a spiritual father.

- Proverbs 23:15 My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine. 16 Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

75. There are two reasons why Christians should not be envious of individuals who hurt others. First, the heart of an evil person plots and plans to hurt others on a continual basis. Second, the lips of an evil person verbalize and crystallize what is being planned, turning ideas into reality.

- Proverbs 24:2 For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.

76. In a truly moral society the person who says to the wicked, “Thou are righteous” would receive a just condemnation. The wicked want only a “right” answer, meaning that want affirmation.
- *Proverbs 24:26* Every man shall kiss his lips that giveth a right answer.

77. The desire to hurt someone who has hurt self is a powerful motive leading to many ungodly and unhealthy fantasies. An opportunity for revenge often presents itself but should not be taken advantage of.

- *Proverbs 24:28* Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive not with thy lips.

78. There are those who will profess love for someone and then turn and plot their destruction. They are like a broken piece of pottery that has been covered with a thin veneer of silver. Such a person appears to be a valued friend but in reality they are a worthless soul. Beautiful words can cover a corrupt heart.

- *Proverbs 26:23* Burning lips and a wicked heart are like a potsherd covered with silver dross.

79. Hatred in the heart is one of the most powerful and most destructive of all the negative emotions.

- Hatred will cause a person to pretend ignorance of the truth. *Proverbs 26:24*
- Hatred will make a person act in a deceitful manner. *Proverbs 26:24*
- Hatred will cause a person to lose all credibility. *Proverbs 26:25*
- Hatred will cause a person to become a master of disguises. *Proverbs 26:25*
- Hatred will one day be exposed bringing open shame. *Proverbs 26:27*
- Hatred will trip a person up on their own acts of revenge. *Proverbs 26:28*
- Hatred will cause a person to lie.

- *Proverbs 26:24* He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him;

80. Self promotion and boasting of one’s own accomplishments is not a Christian virtue. It is offensive to hear and leads to pettiness and a sense of entitlement.

- *Proverbs 27:2* Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

81. The foolish person is the self sufficient person. The words of such a person’s lips will eventually destroy that individual.

- *Ecclesiastes 10:12* The words of a wise man’s mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.

82. Lovely lips should produce lovely speech.

- *Song of Solomon 4:3* Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet, and thy speech is comely: thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks.
83. The lips of a person can be very attractive.

- **Song of Solomon 4:11** Thy lips, O my spouse, drop as the honeycomb: honey and milk are under thy tongue; and the smell of thy garments is like the smell of Lebanon.

- **Song of Solomon 5:13** His cheeks are as a bed of spices, as sweet flowers: his lips like lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh.

84. Sin can be associated with the lips.

- **Isaiah 6:5** Then said I, Woe is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.

85. When God heals a person spiritually He forgives their sin and heals their lips.

- **Isaiah 6:7** And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

86. The Lord shall judge the unrighteous with the breath of His lips.

- **Isaiah 11:4** But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

87. One way God judges a nation is by letting them be spoken to by a foreign power.

- **Isaiah 28:11** For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

- **1 Corinthians 14:21** In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.

88. It is possible to draw near to God with meaningless words while the heart is far way.

- **Isaiah 29:13** Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

- **Matthew 15:8** This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

- **Mark 7:6** He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.
89. The anthropomorphic lips of God are said to be “full of indignation”.

- Isaiah 30:27 Behold, the name of the Lord cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the burden thereof is heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire:

90. The judgment of God is manifested in cruel punishment.

- Isaiah 37:29 Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult, is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

91. God is capable of changing the character of a person.

- Isaiah 57:19 I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord; and I will heal him.

92. The Lord knows when lies are being spoken.

- Isaiah 59:3 For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.

93. When ministers of the gospel have no prophetic word to speak, they should be silent.

- Micah 3:7 Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God.

94. Let the following be said of every Christian.

- Malachi 2:6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity.

95. Above all others the lips of the minister of the gospel should keep knowledge and speak the truth.

- Malachi 2:7 For the priest’s lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.

96. Let the Christian always offer a sacrifice of praise.

- Hebrews 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

97. Those who love life and want to enjoy good days will speak no falsehood.

- 1 Peter 3:10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: