

# The Remnant Character in Communication

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Revelation 14:5 “And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.”

The Character described here does not happen automatically; with our own determined efforts under the molding power of the indwelling Holy Spirit and the enabling of the Blood of the Lamb we must strive to reach that heavenly standard.

“Let us strive with all the power that God has given us to be among the hundred and forty-four thousand.” (RH March 9, 1905).

The selections below are showing us the way our tongues are to be used to the glory of God.

“Let no one think he can overcome without the help of God. You must have the energy, the strength, the power, of an inner life developed within you. You will then bear fruit unto godliness, and will have an intense loathing of vice. You need to constantly **strive to work away from earthliness, from cheap conversation, from everything sensual, and aim for nobility of soul and a pure and unspotted character.** Your name may be kept so pure that it cannot justly be connected with any thing dishonest or unrighteous, but will be respected by all the good and pure, and it may be written in the Lamb's book of life, to be immortalized among the holy angels.”--MS. 4a, 1885.

**A truly noble character will not stoop to resent the false accusations of enemies; every word spoken falls harmless, for it strengthens that which it cannot overthrow.**—Testimonies for the Church 4:607. — {VSS 153.2}

—Cultivate the habit of speaking well of others. **Dwell upon the good qualities of those with whom you associate, and see as little as possible of their errors and failings. When tempted to complain of what someone has said or done, praise something in that person's life or character.** Cultivate thankfulness. Praise God for His wonderful love in giving Christ to die for us.—The Ministry of Healing, 492. — {VSS 151.1}

**In seeking to correct or reform others we should be careful of our words.** They will be a savor of life unto life or of death unto death. In giving reproof or counsel, **many indulge in sharp, severe speech, words not adapted to heal the wounded soul. By these ill-advised expressions the spirit is chafed, and often the erring ones are stirred to rebellion.** All who would advocate the principles of truth need to receive the heavenly oil of love. **Under all circumstances reproof should be spoken in love. Then our words will reform but not exasperate.** Christ by His Holy Spirit will supply the force and the power. This is His work.—Christ's Object Lessons, 337. — {VSS 140.3}

Servants of the Wicked One—He who drinks in the spirit of Christ will let it flow forth in kind words, and be expressed in courteous deportment.... **But those who profess the truth and at the same time are rough, and sour, and unkind in words and deportment, have not learned of Jesus; all these manifestations show that they are yet servants of the wicked one.**—Our High Calling, 238. — {VSS 142.4}

Sanctified Lips—**The truly converted man has no inclination to think or talk of the faults of others. His lips are sanctified, and as God's witness he testifies that the grace of Christ has transformed his heart.... Those only will enter heaven who have overcome the temptation to think and speak evil.**—Sons and Daughters of God, 348. — {VSS 145.2}

Let those who fear God and believe the truth put a guard on their lips. **Let them be determined not to speak words that will injure the cause of God, or give a wrong representation of the work being done in any of His institutions. Let them be careful not to speak words that will be a temptation to someone else to withhold the confidence and the words of courage that ought to be given to those who have been severely tried, and who, perhaps, have been working early and late to fulfill the many calls of duty coming to them, until it seems as if the mind would give way under the strain.** Often, at such times, false impressions regarding such workers are made on minds by cruel words, full of surmisings. The seeds of suspicion and distrust, like thistledown, are carried far and wide, and can never be gathered up.—Manuscript 94, 1904. — {VSS 146.1}

**The yoke of Christ is the restraint of the Holy Spirit, and when we become heated by passion, let us say, No; I have Christ by my side, and I will not make Him ashamed of me by speaking hot, fiery words.**—Manuscript 73, 1897. — {VSS 146.3}

**One passionate word will give Satan the advantage and often wound your own soul and turn others away from the light.**—The Review and Herald, May 3, 1887. — {VSS 138.1}

**When one once gives place to an angry spirit, he is just as much intoxicated as the man who has put the glass to his lips. Learn the eloquence of silence and know that God respects the purchase of the blood of Christ.** Educate yourselves; we must learn every day. We must come up higher and higher and closer to God. Clear the rubbish away from the King's highway. Make a way that the King may walk in our midst. Put away filthy communications out of your mouth (see Colossians 3:8).—Mind, Character, and Personality 2:582. — {VSS 138.2}

Severe tests will come to you. Put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Remember that by vehemence you will wound yourself. **If under all circumstances you will sit in heavenly places in Christ, your words will not be charged with bullets that wound hearts and that may destroy life.**—Mind, Character, and Personality 2:578. — {VSS 138.3}

**Evilspeaking is a twofold curse, falling more heavily upon the speaker than upon the hearer. He who scatters the seeds of dissension and strife reaps in his own soul the deadly fruits. How miserable is the talebearer, the surmiser of evil! He is a stranger to true happiness.**—Testimonies for the Church 5:176. — {VSS 139.2}

**Those who speak as Christ spoke will never plant bitter words like barbed arrows in the wounded soul.** "The Lord hearkened and heard." Will you bear in mind that the Lord hears the words we speak, and is acquainted with the spirit that prompts our actions? ... Is it not Christlike to speak kind words, comforting words, even though you feel inclined to do otherwise?—The Review and Herald, May 26, 1896. — {VSS 131.1}

Work disinterestedly, lovingly, patiently, for all with whom you are brought into contact. Show no impatience. Utter not one unkind word. Let the love of Christ be in your hearts, the law of kindness on your lips.—Welfare Ministry, 76. — {VSS 131.2}

**A Meek and Lowly Spirit—As you go to the one you suppose to be in error, see that you speak in a meek and lowly spirit; for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. The erring can be restored in no other way than in the spirit of meekness, gentleness, and tender love. Be careful in your manner. Avoid anything in look or gesture, word or tone, that savors of pride or self-sufficiency. Guard yourself against a word or look that would exalt yourself, or place your goodness and righteousness in contrast with their failings. Beware of the most distant approach to disdain, overbearing, or contempt. With care avoid every appearance of anger; and though you use plainness**

**of speech, let there be no reproach, no railing accusation, no token of warmth but that of earnest love. – {VSS 134.3}**

**Above all, let there be no shadow of hate or ill will, no bitterness or sourness of expression. Nothing but kindness and gentleness can flow from a heart of love. Yet all these precious fruits need not hinder you from speaking in the most serious, solemn manner, as though angels were directing their eyes upon you, and you were acting in reference to the coming judgment.—Testimonies for the Church 2:52. – {VSS 135.1}**