

# TRIGGERED

# Part 1: "Rules of Engagement"

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"Your tongue has the power of life and <u>death</u>. Those who love to talk will eat the fruit of their words."

Proverbs 18:21 (NIRV)

## EVERY TIME I SPEAK, MY WORDS TRIGGER...

#### 1. ...THE AUTHORITY I'VE BEEN GIVEN TO \_\_\_\_\_\_ THROUGH WHAT I SAY

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. <u>Then God</u> <u>said</u>, "Let there be light," and there was light..."

Genesis 1:1-3 (NLT)

"Then God said, 'Now let's make humans who will be like us. They will rule over all the fish in the sea and the birds in the air. They will rule over all the large animals and all the little things that crawl on the earth.' So God created humans in his own image. He created them to be like himself. He created them male and female. God blessed them and said to them, 'Have many children. Fill the earth and take control of it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the air. Rule over every living thing that moves on the earth.'"

#### Genesis 1:26-28 (ERV)

"So Jesus said to them, 'When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, <u>but speak just as the</u> <u>Father taught me</u>.""

#### John 8:28 (ESV)

"<u>People get good things for the words they</u> <u>say</u>, and they are rewarded for the work they do."

#### Proverbs 12:14 (ERV)

"Kind words are like honey. They are <u>sweet</u> to the spirit and bring <u>healing to the body</u>." **Proverbs 16:24** (NIRV)

### 2. ...THE \_\_\_\_\_\_ I HAVE TO SPEAK \_\_\_\_\_\_ ON MY OWN AUTHORITY

"My brothers and sisters, most of you shouldn't become teachers. That's because you know that those of us who teach will be held more accountable. All of us get tripped up in many ways. Suppose someone is never wrong in what they say. Then they are perfect. They are able to keep their whole body under control. We put a small piece of metal in the mouth of a horse to make it obey us. We can control the whole animal with it. And how about ships? They are very big. They are driven along by strong winds. But they are steered by a very small rudder. It makes them go where the captain wants to go. In the same way, the tongue is a small part of a person's body. But it talks big. Think about how a small spark can set a big forest on fire. The tongue is also a fire. The tongue is the most evil part of the body. It makes the whole body impure. It sets a person's whole way of life on fire. And the tongue itself is set on fire by hell. People have tamed all kinds of wild animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures. And they still tame them. But no one can tame the tongue. It is an evil thing that never rests. It is full of deadly poison. With our tongues we praise our Lord and Father. With our tongues we curse people. We do it even though people have been created to be like God.

Praise and cursing come out of the same mouth. My brothers and sisters, it shouldn't be this way. Can fresh water and salt water flow out of the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree produce olives? Can a grapevine produce figs? Of course not. And a saltwater spring can't produce fresh water either."

James 3:1-12 (NIRV)

### 3. ...THE \_\_\_\_\_ I BEAR FOR EVERY WORD I SPEAK

"If you want good fruit, you must make the tree good. If your tree is not good, it will have bad fruit. A tree is known by the kind of fruit it produces. You snakes! You are evil people, so how can you say anything good? The mouth speaks the things that are in the heart. Good people have good things in their hearts, and so they say good things. But evil people have evil in their hearts. so they say evil things. And I tell you that on the Judgment Day people will be responsible for every careless thing they have said. The words vou have said will be used to judge you. Some of your words will prove you right, but some of your words will prove you guilty."

### Matthew 12:33-37 (NCV)