

One Mouth Too Many Words

By Dr. James L. Snyder

I read somewhere where the average woman speaks 20,000 words a day, and the average man speaks 7,000 words a day. I'm not sure if that's true because I never believe everything I read, particularly on my computer, unless I write it.

If this is true, who came up with it and how did they get to this conclusion?

I can't remember any day in my life when I spoke 7,000 words. At least out loud. I probably thought that many words, but they didn't all touch my tongue.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is a different story. As long as we have been married, I have never tried to count how many words she spoke on any single day. So keeping up is very difficult for someone like me.

When I'm silent, I rarely get into trouble. When I open my mouth and start speaking, I get into trouble.

Sometimes speaking is automatic, and I don't realize what I'm saying out loud. Keeping my thoughts to myself has been a hard discipline for me throughout the years.

Recently, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage was coughing a little bit, and finally said to me, "My throat is very sore today."

Not realizing that my mouth was open and expelling words, I said, "That's strange because my ears are sore today."

Looking at me, I realized I had said that out loud. I said it out loud so that she could hear it, but I didn't want her to hear it. Her stare taught me a valuable lesson at that time.

I was now in trouble, and it was because of the words I said out loud.

After being married for over 50 years, you would think I would have mastered the skill of thinking but

not speaking. I'm still working on that.

There is also the situation where you don't get enough words out.

I have noticed there doesn't seem to be a direct connection between my thoughts and my tongue. If only they could get together and stay on the same subject, I would not get into so much trouble.

So, when The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage is exercising her 20,000 words per day, I can only process 7,000 of those words. So the problem I face is, which words am I going to process?

I have trouble with my 7,000 words a day. I can't imagine how anybody of the opposite gender can manage 20,000 words a day every day of the week.

To choose the right words, I have to listen to the words that have been coming my way. I don't always get it right. I try, and I'm getting

better at it, but I still fail.

While thinking about this I was reminded of a very important passage of Scripture. "27 He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. 28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding" (Proverbs 17:27-28).

According to this, the more a person knows the less he speaks. This has been rather an important assessment of people. It's the people who are silent most of the time that probably no more than the people that are talking most of the time.

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