**ROYAL WAY CHAPEL**

**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS 3RD MARCH 2024**

**Topic: IDENTITY OF THE RIGHTEOUS PART 1**

**Text: Proverb 10:19 -21**

***M. Verse: Proverb 10:21,The lip of the righteous feed many but fools die for want of wisdom***

The scripture according to *Roman 14:17 says the kingdom of heaven is not eating and drinking ; but* *righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost* . meaning being righteous is one of the thing that qualifies you for the kingdom. However in this last day, so many people claimed to be righteous, these self acclaimed righteousness has polluted the body of Christ, discouraging many people from striving and aspiring to be righteous. Meanwhile, in the book of Mathew 5:20 Jesus told is disciples *- unless your* *righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribe and Pharisees, you shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

**What is righteousness and how do we identify a righteous man or woman?**

Righteousness is an act of maintaining a right standing with God irrespective of the situation. Having said that, the righteous are identify by their speech, how? They do not speak carelessly. They understand the weight of words and use their word effectively, knowing that they shall account for every idle word. Psalms 17:30-31

The word of God. we hide inside our hearts can control both our tongues and our feet. However, the righteous take time to hide God’s word in their heart. When God’s word fill your heart, your mouth will open in wisdom. Any believer who engages in foolishness is most likely bereft of God’s word. If you spend five minutes with the righteous, there is no way you will leave without being inspired and impacted. What is your tongue used for? If you engage it in immoral discussions with opposite sex, gossiping, lies or any form of falsehood, you are not a righteous fellow.

According to the memory verse, Proverb 10:21, the word of the righteous are like food to the hearer. They are sweeten and refreshing the soul. If you sit by a righteous man for counseling within few minutes you will be inspired to know what to do. The reason being that the righteous know how to speak the right words to meet with every occasion hence their tongue feed many . Proverb 10:32

**This Implies;**

**1.** The foolish hears the words of the righteous and receive wisdom

2. The sinner hears the words of salvation from them

3. The sick receives the words of healing while the hopeless receive hope

4. You cannot meet a righteous man and hear him and not be impacted

 **In conclusion**,

The mouth of the righteous is a well of life, there is a fountain of goodness in him so whenever he opens his mouth, living water spring forth , whenever he preaches the word deep truth that can impact the hearer for good are reveal ed. Men and brethren can you be adjudged righteous by our words ?