

Romans 8:29-30

Note past tense!

ESV. For those whom he **foreknew** he also **predestined** to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also **called**, and those whom he called he also **justified**, and those whom he justified he also **glorified**.

TPT. For he knew all about us before we were born and he destined us from the beginning to share the likeness of his Son. This means the Son is the oldest among a vast family of brothers and sisters who will become just like him. 30 Having determined our destiny ahead of time, he called us to himself and transferred his perfect righteousness to everyone he called. And those who possess his perfect righteousness he co-glorified with his Son!

Proverbs 18:21 and Matthew 12:36-37

ESV. Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

TPT. Your words are so powerful that they will kill or give life, and the talkative person will reap the consequences.

ESV. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, 37 for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

~ Jesus the Christ

TPT. You can be sure of this: when the day of judgment comes, everyone will be held accountable for every careless [worthless and untrue] word he has spoken. 37 Your very words will be used as evidence against you, and your words will declare you either innocent or guilty.

~ Jesus the Christ

Matthew 12:34-35, Jesus speaking to Pharisees

ESV. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.

TPT. But you who are known as the Pharisees are rotten to the core! You've been poisoned by the nature of a venomous snake. How can your words be good and trustworthy if you are rotten within? For what has been stored up in your hearts will be heard in the overflow of your words! 35 "When virtue is stored within, the hearts of good and upright people will produce good fruit. But when evil is hidden within, those who are evil will produce evil fruit..."

Psalm 51:10-12

(King David had done horrible things)

ESV. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

TPT. Keep creating in me a clean heart. Fill me with pure thoughts and holy desires, ready to please you. 11 May you never reject me! May you never take from me your sacred Spirit! 12 Let my passion for life be restored, tasting joy in every breakthrough you bring to me. Hold me close to you with a willing spirit that obeys whatever you say.