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# WORDS: LIFE OR DEATH

## The Truth About Words

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[ TITLE SLIDE: ]

[ Proverbs 18.21 NKJV ]

21 **Death and life** are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

LAST WEEK: "The Value of Words"

THIS WEEK: "**The Truth About Words**"



[ Matthew 12.33-37 NKJV ]

"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. (Tree representing the HEART and the Fruit is the MOUTH)

34 Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

35 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things (speaks good things), and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.

36 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. 37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

POINT: - We are saved by Grace... not by doing

- When we are saved, our **Heart has been changed....**  
**So our Words will change as well**

- This is a Process known as SANCTIFICATION... take some time  
 ...we must work with HOLY SPIRIT

**I have Three Truths I want to give you about WORDS**



# 1. WORDS COST

Can I Speak Freely??..... Answer is “NO”

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**FOREFATHERS (by GOD) showed us Foundation for our Freedoms....  
Not our Government... CREATOR!**

*“...we are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights...”*

**- One of those Rights is the FREEDOM OF SPEECH**

I agree with that Right of Freedom of Speech in America..... BUT



**Does that mean I can say anything I want  
and Not give an account to God for it??**

..... Does that mean then Words are FREE?



**Does that mean we can say anything to our spouse, family, co-workers....  
.....and it NOT Cost us?**

**I'm Glad I'm an American**

- But I now belong to a higher kingdom than America
- When America is gone... Heaven will still be here
- Presidents come and go... Jesus is Lord forever
- I have to give an account to God for every Idle word I say

EXAMPLE: Abortion / Prostitution

- There's a **HIGHER LAW** than **ANY** government law



[ Psalm 141.3 AMP ]

*Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips  
[to keep me from speaking thoughtlessly].*



[ Psalm 39.1 AMP ]

*I said, "I will guard my ways That I may not sin with my tongue; (means we can sin with our mouths)  
I will muzzle my mouth While the wicked are in my presence."*

- Have you ever said - *"I Probably shouldn't say this..."*  
Then went ahead and did??
- It was either the HOLY SPIRIT, or Common Sense, or BOTH

### We can be very Sarcastic at times:

- † We are a very big Sarcastic Nation.... Entertainment is full of it
- Sarcasm doesn't work in real life... you can easily Cross the Line with it

EXAMPLE: ( Pastor wanting to tell joke in sermon...  
Someone had dream about him on Beach preaching...  
Wave of Sarcasm came up from behind.)

Our Words Cost us..... We will be Judged by them **OR...** We can Invest them

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## 2. WORDS HURT PEOPLE

Word's are Free... *"you don't have to give an account"*

THE LIE: Word's hurt.... EXCEPT if you're Joking



[ Proverbs 26.18-19 NKJV ]

*Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death, Is the man who deceives his neighbor, And says, "I was only joking!"*

- *"Like a crazy person on hill with rifle shooting people...."*  
....Is someone who says something in a Deceptive or Manipulative  
... then says, *"I was only joking."*

- We do this all the time...

- We put JABS or STABS in our comments
- *"I was just kidding..." / "You're too sensitive..."*

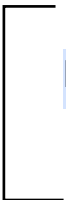
- *"I didn't mean anything by that..."*

- **Bible says we did....** because it was in our Heart first!

*"out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks"*

**So when we hear something come out of our mouths that doesn't glorify God...**

- Don't try justify it
- CONFESS IT.... *"God I didn't realize that was still in my heart"*



**Here is the ONLY way to deal with Wrong Words.... REPENT OF THEM!**

.....Ask for Forgiveness!

**If bad words have been spoken over you, the only way to deal with them....**

..... You have to Forgive!



**Some here today are still dealing with Words spoken 20yrs ago...**

Until you forgive that person...

....Those words are like trees... producing Fruit in your life

.....**CUT THE TREE DOWN!!**

Words COST / HURT...



3. **WORDS LAST** That's the Truth...

The lie is... Words evaporate

James 3 says "...the tongue can start a forest fire"..... why?

- Words have already built a Forest there
- We say something in kidding way and DEVASTATE....  
and because 10 other people have said something about that  
(They have a forest there)

**Some of you are better communicators than others.....**

- You can use words in a powerful way
- Some can probable make Rush Limbaugh cry
- Just as an UFC Fighter can cause sever damage to average person...  
.....Some can tear others apart with your words  
.....**We can beat people up with our words!!!**

## One of you is better communicator

- You always have to have the LAST WORD....
- You always have to WIN.....

## YOU MAY WIN THE DISAGREEMENT... BUT YOU ARE LOSING THE AGREEMENT

- You are losing the agreement in your marriage

- Change Now.... you are doing damage that can last long time

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## GOOD NEWS....

- Bad Words Last!..... But **GOOD WORDS LAST TOO!!!**



[ 2 Timothy 1.3b NKJV ]

*... I remember you in my prayers night and day*



[ 2 Timothy 1.5 NKJV ]

*when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.*

- Timothy's going through rough time.... Paul says He is praying for him
- Paul uses "REMEMBER" he uses Greek word that comes from 2 Greek words
  - One of those words means... Grave yard monument
  - When we see tombstone, it tells us that someone LIVED
    - .... a remembrance of a Life

Paul is saying... *I'm building a monument of your need before God*

**WORDS LAST....** that is why a grandmother's prays for grandson....

- She goes to be with Lord and **20 years later** he gets saved
- Because she built Monuments for that grandson

ILLUSTRATION: God walking around monuments in yard every morning

- Somebody go get that boy saved

## WRAP UP:

**Words Cost....** BUT they can be an INVESTMENT

**Words Hurt....** BUT they can also HEAL

**Words Last....** Bad Words BUT so do GOOD Words



(Jimmy OR Quiet Worship Music)

A seminary professor named Fred Craddock was vacationing with his wife in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

One morning, they were eating breakfast at a little restaurant, hoping to enjoy a quiet, family meal. While they were waiting for their food, they noticed a distinguished looking, white-haired man moving from table to table, visiting with the guests.

The professor leaned over and whispered to his wife, "I hope he doesn't come over here." But sure enough, the man did come over to their table.

"Where are you folks from?" he asked in a friendly voice. "Oklahoma," they answered.

"Great to have you here in Tennessee," the stranger said... "What do you do for a living?"

"I teach at a seminary," he replied.

“Oh, so you teach preachers how to preach, do you? Well, I've got a great story for you.”

And with that, the gentleman pulled up a chair and sat down at the table with the couple. The professor groaned and thought to himself, “Great.. Just what we need, another preacher story!”

The man started, “See that mountain over there? (Pointing out the restaurant window). Not far from the base of that mountain, there was a boy born to an unwed mother. He had a hard time growing up, because every place he went, he was always asked the same question, 'Hey boy, who's your daddy?'

Whether he was at school, in the grocery store or drug store, people would ask the same question, 'Who's your daddy?'

He would hide at recess and lunchtime from other students. He would avoid going in to stores because that question hurt him so bad. When he was about 12 years old, a new preacher came to his church. He would always go in late and slip out early to avoid hearing the question, 'Who's your daddy?'

But one day, the new preacher said the benediction so fast that he got caught and had to walk out with the crowd. Just about the time he got to the back door, the new preacher, not knowing anything about him, put his hand on his shoulder and asked him, 'Son, who's Your daddy?'

The whole church got deathly quiet. He could feel every eye in the church was looking at him. Now everyone would finally know the answer to the question, 'Who's your daddy?'

This new preacher, though, sensed the situation around him and using discernment that only the Holy Spirit could give, said the following to that scared little boy. 'Wait a minute! I know who you are! I see the family resemblance now. You are a child of God.'

With that he patted the boy on his shoulder and said, 'Boy, you've got a great inheritance.. Go and claim it.'

With that, the boy smiled for the first time in a long time and walked out the door a changed person. He was never the same again. Whenever anybody asked him, 'Who's your Daddy?' he'd just tell them, 'I'm a Child of God'!

The distinguished gentleman got up from the table and said, “Isn't that a great story?”

The professor responded that it really was a great story! As the man turned to leave, he said, “You know, those were the most important words anybody ever said to me, and I've never forgotten them.” And he walked away..

The seminary professor and his wife were stunned. He called the waitress over and asked her, “Do you know who that man was, the one who just left that was sitting at our table?”



The waitress grinned and said, "Of course. Everybody here knows him. That's Ben Hooper. He's the governor of Tennessee !"

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(PRAY)

Ask Holy Spirit... *"What are You saying to me through this message?"*

- **We want to pray for you...** this is part of our service
- You don't need to be embarrassed if you're not a member....  
    don't be embarrassed if you've come for years  
    ... especially in this area of our Words.... every person here relates to this.
- So if you need prayer in ANY AREA  
    finances / health / family / marriage / relationship with God  
    maybe you realize that you are not saved
- Some may need to give your life to Jesus Christ.... or give it back to God