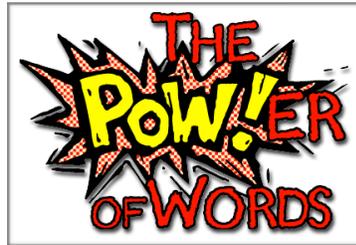


Words, Words and More Words

“Make a tree good, and then its fruit will be good. Or make a tree rotten, and then its fruit will be rotten. A person can recognize a tree by its fruit. You poisonous snakes! How can you evil people say anything good? Your mouth says what comes from inside you. Good people do the good things that are in them. But evil people do the evil things that are in them” Matthew 12:33-35 (GW).



Jesus spoke a lot to people in parables. Only those who really wanted to hear him, heard what He was saying. Today, He is wanting you to hear something. The trees in the above passage are about you and me. We either make our tree good or bad. You see, it's all about choices we make as to what your tree produces.

According to the Word, what you say reflects what's inside (You know, out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks). To me there are many different ramifications to this passage, particularly with verse 36. Often people skip over this verse because it scares them. Don't be afraid of this verse, embrace it, and let it become interwoven into the fabric of your life (or should I say mouth).

“But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment” Matthew 12:36

We are going to have to give an account of our words, even the careless ones. That's why Jesus said, “By your words you will be justified or by your words you will be condemned.” What are your words saying? Are they producing life or they producing flesh? Are they building your faith or tearing it down?

You must always look at things based on His Word, never on the circumstances. That is one way to avoid saying things you shouldn't. The good news is that even if you say something wrong, forgiveness is always available for you. He knows exactly where you are, and why you said it.

Today I want to encourage you that your words really make a difference. Used incorrectly, our words bring flesh which according to God's word flesh produces nothing. We see in John 6:63 that Holy Spirit gives life and flesh produces nothing. When we walk in the Spirit, our thoughts, our actions and our words produce life. That means the words we speak should bring life.

Your words are important whether they are written or spoken. Think about it like this. If men's words are powerful, how much more is the Word of God? Jesus said the words He speaks are spirit and life.

John 1:1-3, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made" (John 1:1-3)

If we look closely at John we see clearly how God created life and all things with words. So do we. After all, we are made in His image and are to be imitators of our God. That means all words are powerful.

According to Proverbs 2:6, not only is there power in our words, but we can either be helped with them or snared by them. I am guessing snared is a consequence of the carelessness of our words. What do you think?

Trusting God has a lot to do with what we say and is reflected in how we walk the talk. What are your words doing to others? Are you helping them or snaring them? What are your words doing to you? Helping or snaring?

The Lord has a plan for your life. Overcoming all obstacles is part of that, including your mouth.

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