

## Word Worth

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I wrote a devotion a couple of years ago entitled “Static” and I was reminded of it when my mom shared the following scripture with me the other day.

**2 Timothy 2:11-17 - This saying is trustworthy: In dying with the Messiah, true life we gain. <sup>12</sup> Enduring, we with him will reign. Who him denies, he will disclaim. <sup>13</sup> Our faith may fail, his never wanes—That’s who he is, he cannot change! <sup>14</sup> Remind others about these things, and warn them before God not to argue over words. Arguing does not do any good but only destroys those who are listening. <sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as an approved worker who has nothing to be ashamed of, handling the word of truth with precision. <sup>16</sup> However, avoid pointless discussions. For people will become more and more ungodly, <sup>17</sup> and what they say will spread everywhere like gangrene.**

Seasons are changing and we have a lot of events coming up, from Harvest Parties to the presidential elections, from Thanksgiving to Hanukkah and Christmas – and a turn of another year and in between all of that will be life and family events. The ins and outs of these times coming up will be filled with conversations where opinions, emotions and decisions will ride on high in a bustle of activity that is sure to keep us all busy.

What we say to one another has worth and we will be held accountable, if not now, before the Lord we will stand. THANK GOD FOR FORGIVENESS – but don’t use God’s grace as a license to act out. Hear me, I say this with love – to myself included... God’s word BRINGS LIFE – His Love cuts through sin and our uglies and God is there when we need Him the most however, we choose to speak or hold our tongue.

We are in the process of trying to buy a house. IT’S TAKING FOREVER! (or at least it seems like it) In the daily work load of it all, we have to unify and make decisions that we hope will be good ones and work out for all of our good as we pray and put it all in God’s hands after we have done all we know to do. Believe me when I say our passions, opinions, and thoughts have sounded sometimes like a boxing match, but GOD! I thank God that we have Holy Spirit to reel us in and love each other through our differences. Before going to bed we all say how much we love each other and I KNOW that I rest more peaceful knowing that we have done the best we could.

I don’t want to judge a person, or a situation by what I THINK – I want to love and allow the Lord to show me what HE wants me to say or know about each thing. I know I’m a work in progress but in training myself to step back and discern over the years, I’ve been able to more and more effectively communicate verses blurting out half-baked ideas and thoughts that may or may not have any bearing and could hurt more than help.

When my husband and I have a go at it – often he will say (now that we have years of experience with this, ha ha) “are you thinking?” because I will go quiet and I will not say anything trying to form what I should say verses what I want to say. I will tell him yes and then apologize for not saying “please give me a minute to form what I need to say.” I hear my dad doing the same thing – he will say “I’m trying to formulate what I need to say!” or “forgive me, I mis-spoke” – LoL – I love my parents.

As well, in doing so in other areas, while Ubering for instance, I have held my tongue when a client has given me a wrong address and has texted me or called with an attitude and thankfully have gained a happy client and a monetary tip and 5 stars to boot!

I’m sure what you have to say is worth its weight in gold! I pray that today you will speak as you ought to speak and that in these days ahead, you will gain spiritual ground with your communication and influence those around you to rise above the worlds standards of idle chatter and plant words of wisdom and add value to all the relationships around you in Jesus name, Amen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hzgzim5m7oU>

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