

THE IMPORANCE OF WORDS – 2

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REVIEW – MT. 12:36

- The fight of faith is a fight with words. Our words justify or condemn us, remove obstacles, resist the devil, carry life and death, activate angels, reflect the heart, bless or curse us, liberate or take us captive, hurt or help people.
- One day we will give an account of every idle word we speak: careless, thoughtless, meaningless, reckless, non-working, inoperative, empty, and useless.

CONTINUE – PR. 21:23

- This verse speaks volumes about the importance of our words. If we don't guard our mouth and tongues, our words can get us into trouble.
- The words we speak have significance. They can build up or tear down. They can encourage or discourage. They can heal or hurt. **PR. 12:18, 15:1-4 NLT**

Seven Detestable Things PR. 6:16-19 NLT

If God hates and considers certain things detestable or an abomination, we might want to take heed and do our best to avoid them. These seven behaviors oppose God's character and serve as a guide to help us live a life pleasing to God.

- Pride – considered the mother of all sins. It prompted Satan's rebellion and caused man's fall.
- Lying Tongue – Distorting the truth, speaking falsehoods, misleading people with words.
- Hands that kill the innocent – Taking a life. This emphasizes the sanctity of human life.
- Heart that plots evil – speaks to the intentions behind sin. Not only the actions, but the premeditation is condemned as well.
- Feet that race to do wrong – an eagerness to engage in wrong- doing.
- A false witness who pours out lies – speech that undermines justice and truth.
- Sowing discord among brethren – stirring up strife or conflict that leads to discord and division. Spreading rumors that damage reputations and create hostility.

Sins of the Tongue

- Vain speaking, **DAN. 4:28-37**. Arrogance, boasting, excessive self-promotion (Narcissism-excessive admiration of self).

- Evil Speaking, **EPH. 4:29-31**. Words that slander, defame, or wound. Talking about the faults and failures of others.
- Foolish Jesting, **EPH. 5:1-4**. Coarse talking, vulgar speech, crude remarks, malicious gossip, frivolous conversation.

Gatekeepers

- Is it true? **EPH. 4:15** Verify accuracy first.
- Is it kind? **EPH. 4:32** Ensure our speech doesn't harm.
- Is it necessary? **JAMES 1:19** Does it need said at all?

CONCLUSION:

The tongue is a dangerous weapon that can destroy lives. Our words can help or hurt. They can wound or heal. Since one day we all will give an account of our words before God, we should all examine ourselves to be sure our words are used to promote what pleases God and produces unity among believers. Jesus never said one idle word!