

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUR WORDS

The Steering Wheel Of Your Life

I. **We must value as important what God values as important; to God every word you speak is significant and important**

A. Matthew 7:6-What's significant to God should be significant to you

1. A dog doesn't know what's important; a pig doesn't know what's important
 - a. They'll treat significant things, insignificantly
2. If think that what you say isn't significant, then you and God think differently

B. The value of words

1. Proverbs 10:20-The tongue of the just *is* as choice silver: the heart of the wicked *is* little worth
2. Proverbs 20:15-There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel
3. Proverbs 15:23-A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word *spoken* in due season, how good *is it!*
4. Proverbs 25:11-A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold in pictures of silver

C. God hates a forward mouth-Proverbs 8:13

1. Forward-Perverse-To turn aside, distorted from right, to turn from the truth
2. Looks to me like we should be a little more aware and certain that what we say is the right thing
 - a. Take heed what you hear

D. If you're saved you don't get to say whatever you want to say (Psalm 12:4)

1. NIRV-Our lips belong to us. No one else is in charge of us
2. John 8:25-26-He wanted to say some things that he didn't say

II. **Every word you speak is significant**

A. Matthew 12:33-37

1. 34-What you say with your mouth is a reflection of what's in your heart
2. 35-In the Kingdom believing and speaking is designed to bring forth things
 - a. Mark 11:23-You will have what you say
 - b. Proverbs 16:30-He puts evil in, speaks evil out, and brings it pass
 - c. Believing and speaking is for the immature to get what they want, it's for the sold-out, mature, all-in believer to receive the fullness of all Jesus provided
3. 36-Every word is significant
4. 36-Idle-Thoughtless, profitless,non-working (NASB-Careless; NIV-Empty; CEB-Useless)
 - a. Profitless-God wants your words to yield profit (increase of good for u/me)
 - 1) You're words are supposed to work to produce good
 - 2) You spoke something that's working towards your bad
 - b. Thoughtless-U didn't think how that would effect ur/someone else's good

B. The moment a word is released from your mouth it's working: to direct your thoughts, affect your atmosphere, infect your heart, & create your world; words are doing something; words work to accomplish

1. Every time you spoke something happened whether you saw it or not
 - a. It directing your thoughts; where your mouth goes your mind goes (Matt 6:31, Prov 30:32)
 - b. It's affecting the atmosphere (Psalm 23:1, 1 Samuel 30:6)
 - c. It's infecting your heart (Proverbs 4:20)
 - d. It's creating your world (Mark 11:23)
2. James 5:12-Mean what you say, say what you mean
 - a. If you want you meant was the important thing, God would have said that
 - b. WWE-My brothers, here is something that matters very much. When you make a promise do not ask heaven to hear it, or the earth, or any other thing. When you mean `Yes,' just say, `Yes.' And when you mean `No,' just say, `No.' If you do that, you will not be judged.
 - c. MSG-And since you know that he cares, let your language show it. Don't add words like "I swear to God" to your own words. Don't show your impatience by concocting oaths to hurry up God. Just say yes or no. Just say what is true. That way, your language can't be used against you.

III. The steering wheel of your life

A. 2-The less you miss it in what you say, the more mature you'll be

1. Ephesians 4:16-Speaking the Word will help you grow up and reveal that you're growing up

B. People see their words as a small insignificant thing; small things can be a big deal

1. 3-A bit is a small thing through which we control a big animal

2. 4-A rudder is small compared to that big ship, but we can control that ship even in fierce winds if he can get a hold of the rudder
3. 5-A spark is a small thing, that can start a real big fire
- C. 6-The tongue sets on fire the sphere of this earthly life & all that is contained in it
 1. Your words affect your world
- D. The steering wheel of your life
 1. Wherever the bit goes the horse goes; wherever the rudder goes the ship goes; wherever your mouth goes you go
 2. EX: If you're steering wheel was turned away from church all the time you'd never have gotten here; if you're mouth is turning away from the destination you want to reach you'll never get there
 - a. EX: The lady with cancer who couldn't hold food down
 3. People want to talk what is, and end up somewhere else but that just leads to them staying where they is
 - a. If u want to go somewhere different steer the wheel in a different direction
 4. GOD IS IN CONTROL
 - a. He's only in control if you put His word in your heart and are saying it out your mouth
- E. Who controls the bit, controls the horse; who controls the rudder, controls the ship; who controls your mouth, controls your life (Matthew 12:34)
 1. You can go somewhere different until you say something different; you won't say something different until you so something different

IV. Are you steering yourself away from the good life

- A. Psalm 34:10, 1 Peter 3:10-If you want to live the good life watch your mouth
 1. Evil means bad, wrong, wicked; God's word is good, right, and pure
 2. For you say anything that's in opposition to what the Word says is evil
- B. Not refraining your tongue from evil will keep you from the good life (Num 13,14)
 1. Num 13:1, Ex 33:1-This is what God said; Num 13:27-14:4-This is what they said
 - a. 32-They are speaking evil
 - b. This doesn't sound all that evil; they're just telling the truth
 2. Numbers 14:26-34-Was what they said significant?
 - a. It was the difference between living in the PL & dying in the wilderness