

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUR WORDS

Valuing The Tongue

Foundation Statement: Your words, your mouth, is something to be valued, honored, held in esteem; We shouldn't say just anything

I. Your words will either hurt or they will help; they'll profit or cause decrease; they'll build up or tear down; they'll either encourage or discourage; they'll either bless or curse; they'll heal or make sick

A. Get rid of this phrase, "I'm just saying."

1. Just implies that what I'm saying has no value or impact; It's just words
2. Every word you speak is doing something

B. Your words effect your Life-You're state of living is in your mouth

1. Proverbs 18:21-Your words will either minister death or they'll minister life
 - a. CEV-Words can bring death or life! Talk too much, and you will eat everything you say.
 - b. NLT-The tongue can bring death or life those who love to talk will reap the consequences.
2. Proverbs 10:11-Your life is flowing the same direction as your mouth
 - a. Your mouth is the source of what's happening in your life
 - b. NLT-The words of the godly are a life-giving fountain
 - c. NCV-The words of a good person give life, like a fountain of water
3. Proverbs 15:4-The tongue bears the fruit of your state of living
 - a. YLT-A healed tongue [is] a tree of life, And perverseness in it -- a breach in the spirit.
 - b. NCV-As a tree gives fruit, healing words give life, but dishonest words crush the spirit
 - c. CEV- Kind words are good medicine, but deceitful words can really hurt.
 - d. MSG-Kind words heal and help; cutting words would and maim

C. Your words effect your healing/body

1. Prov 16:24-The right words will bring healing to a body; the wrong words would make a body sick
 - a. NLT- Kind words are like honey; sweet to the soul and healthy for the body
 - b. CEV-Kind words are like honey—they cheer you up and make you feel strong.
 - c. MSG- Gracious speech is like clover honey; good taste to the soul, quick energy for the body
 - d. NCV- Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, making people happy and healthy
2. Proverbs 12:18-Your words could cure you, or keep you from being cured
 - a. YLT-A rash speaker is like piercings of a sword, And the tongue of the wise is healing
 - b. NASB- There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, But the tongue of the wise brings healing.

D. Your prosperity effect your prosperity

1. Proverbs 12:14-The better you talk, the more satisfied you'll be
 - a. NIV- From the fruit of their lips people are filled with good things
 - b. NLT-Wise words bring many benefits,
 - c. GNT- Your reward depends on what you say and what you do; you will get what you deserve
 - d. ESV-From the fruit of his mouth a man is satisfied with good
 - e. HCSB- A man will be satisfied with good by the words of his mouth
 - f. CEV-We are rewarded or punished for what we say and do.
 - g. MSG- Well-spoken words bring satisfaction; well-done work has its own reward
2. Proverbs 18:20-Your words can hinder your dreams & desires from manifesting
 - a. HCSB- From the fruit of his mouth a man's stomach is satisfied; he is filled with the product of his lips
 - b. GNT- You will have to live with the consequences of everything you say
 - c. NCV- People will be rewarded for what they say; they will be rewarded by how they speak
 - d. NLT- Wise words satisfy like a good meal; the right words bring satisfaction
 - e. CEV- Make your words good you will be glad you did.
 - f. GW- A person's speaking ability provides for his stomach. His talking provides him a living.
3. Proverbs 13:2-Your words will bring good things or bad things
 - a. NASB-From the fruit of a man's mouth he enjoys good
 - b. GW-A person eats well as a result of his speaking ability
 - c. HCSB- From the words of his mouth, a man will enjoy good things

E. Your deliverance

1. Proverbs 13:3-You're mouth can protect you or make you vulnerable
 - a. NLT- Those who control their tongue will have a long life; opening your mouth can ruin everything.
 - b. GW- Whoever controls his mouth protects his own life. Whoever has a big mouth comes to ruin.
 - c. NCV- Those who are careful about what they say protect their lives, but whoever speaks w/o thinking will be ruined
 - d. GNT- Be careful what you say and protect your life. A careless talker destroys himself
2. Proverbs 6:2-Your words could keep you in bondage or set you free
 - a. CEV-You are trapped by your own words
 - b. NIV-You have been trapped by what you said, ensnared by the words of your mouth
3. Proverbs 18:7-A fool's mouth = His destruction (Someone who doesn't know how to speak)
 - a. CEV-Saying foolish things is like setting a trap to destroy yourself.
4. Proverbs 21:23-Your mouth can get in you trouble and keep you out of trouble
 - a. CEV-Watching what you say can save you a lot of trouble.

- b. GW- Whoever guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble.
- c. GNT-If you want to stay out of trouble, be careful what you say
- d. MSG- Watch your words and hold your tongue; you'll save yourself a lot of grief
- 5. Proverbs 12:6-You're mouth could deliver you or keep you in bondage
 - a. NIV-The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood, but the speech of the upright rescues them
 - b. NLT-The words of the wicked are like a murderous ambush, but the words of the godly save lives
- 6. Ecclesiastes 10:12
 - a. GW- A wise person's words win favors, but a fool's lips are self-destructive.

II. How to treat your words?

- A. Psalm 64:3-Treat words are like arrows; understand you don't get them back
 - 1. You shoot arrows w/ a purpose at an intended target; u speak the same way
 - 2. MSG-Using their tongues as weapons, flinging poison words, poison-tipped arrow-words.
 - 3. GW-They sharpen their tongues like swords. They aim bitter words like arrows
 - 4. NCV-They sharpen their tongues like swords and shoot bitter words like arrows
- B. Proverbs 10:19-Don't just say anything; be restraining in your words
 - 1. CEV-You will say the wrong thing if you talk too much-- so be sensible and watch what you say.
 - 2. MSG-The wise measure their words
 - 3. NLT-Too much talk leads to sin. Be sensible and keep your mouth shut.
- C. Be sparing with ur words-U would talk less if u realized the weight every word carries
 - 1. Proverbs 17:27-28-A wise man of understanding is sparing with his words
 - a. CEV-It makes a lot of sense 2 be a person of few words & 2 stay calm. Even fools seem smart when they quiet
 - b. MSG-The one who knows much says little; an understanding person remains calm. ²⁸ Even dunces who keep quiet are thought to be wise; as long as they keep their mouths shut, they're smart.
 - c. NLT-A truly wise person uses few words; a person with understanding is even-tempered. Even fools are thought wise when they keep silent; with their mouths shut, they seem intelligent
 - d. DRA-He that setteth bounds to his words. is knowing & wise: & the man of understanding is of a precious spirit.
 - e. NCV- The wise say very little
 - 2. Ecclesiastes 5:2-3-Don't be in a hurry to talk; Let your words be few
- D. Be slower to speak-Think about it-What will those words do if I speak them?
 - 1. Proverbs 15:28-The righteous mull over what they say before they say it
 - a. CEV-Good people think before they answer, but the wicked speak evil without ever thinking.

- b. GW-The heart of a righteous person carefully considers how to answer, but the mouths of wicked people pour out a flood of evil things.
- c. NIV-The heart of the righteous weighs its answers, but the mouth of the wicked gushes evil.
- 2. James 1:19-If you'll be slower to speak, you'll be more available to be led about what you should speak-We should be slow and deliberate in talking
- E. James 3:2-With their mouth people are exposing their immaturity; We can measure maturity by your words---Eph 4:16-This is how you grow up and mature and show God you're ready

III. There's great value in saying the right things

- A. As precious and good as saying the right thing is, is as bad as worthless as saying the wrong word is; the wrong word can be so destructive
 - 1. Prov 10:20-The tongue of the just is of great worth cause they'll say right things
 - a. GW-The tongue of a righteous person is pure silver, The hearts of wicked people are worthless.
 - b. MSG-The speech of a good person is worth waiting for; the blabber of the wicked is worthless.
 - 2. Proverbs 15:23-The right word at the right time is so good
 - a. MSG-Congenial conversation—what a pleasure! The right word at the right time—beautiful!
 - b. NLT-Everyone enjoys a fitting reply; it is wonderful to say the right thing at the right time
 - c. CEV-Giving the right answer at the right time makes everyone happy.
 - d. NCV- Saying the right word at the right time is so pleasing
 - e. Proverbs 25:11-The right word at the right time is precious
 - 1) CEV- The right word at the right time is like precious gold set in silver.
 - 3. Proverbs 20:15-If you could be skillful in talking, you could lack skill in talking
 - a. CEV-Sensible words are better than gold or jewels.
 - b. NLT-Wise words are more valuable than much gold and many rubies.
 - c. NIV-Gold there is, and rubies in abundance, but lips that speak knowledge are a rare jewel
 - d. NASB- There is gold, and an abundance of jewels; But the lips of knowledge are a more precious thing
- B. When we come into the Kingdom we have to learn how to talk
 - 1. Js 3:2-By the mouth people expose their immaturity; Maturity is measured by words
 - a. Eph 4:16-This is how you grow up and mature and show God you're ready
 - 2. Isaiah 50:4-There are believers who can **talk**, but don't know how to **speak**
 - a. John 8:28-Jesus was taught how to speak
 - 3. Luke 21:15-God would give a mouth and wisdom to say the right things
- C. If you'll honor God by valuing ur words, He'll honor u by showing u what to say-1 Sam 2:30, Jn 8:3-9
 - 1. 5-These people are working for the devil and they won't Jesus to miss it in what He says; that's a picture of the enemy; he wants you to miss it in what you say

2. 5-The only way they're going to get him is if he says the wrong thing
 - a. He's in a bit of situation here; if he says stone her they'll accuse him of not being one mercy; if he says don't stone her they'll accuse him of not keeping the law
3. 6-Jesus is operating as a man anointed of God; He doesn't know what to say in the natural, so when he bends down and he's seeking isn't he
4. 7-He said the perfect thing at the perfect time and it quenched the whole situation