

“Be Careful Little Mouths!”
“Be Careful What You Say!”

Introduction:

1. The Words You Use Can / Do Make A Difference!
 - Negative Or Positive!
 - In Any Form Of Communication: Verbal & Written!
2. Why Is This Series Important?
 - Because God Gave Language & Uses Language To Convey His Message And Truth!
 - Because God Addresses What You Say Throughout The Bible!
 - Because God Desires To *Use* Your Speech For His Purposes And Ultimately For His Glory!
3. Review:
 - Learned: Why Do You Say The Things You Do?
 - It Is A Matter Of Your Heart!
 - If You Hear Unbiblical, “Corrupt” Communication Coming Out Of Your Mouth – There Is Something Wrong With Your Heart!
 - These Things Ought To Cause Us To “Examine Ourselves” (1 Corinthians 11:28 - “Let A Man Examine Himself!”)
 - These Things Ought To Cause Us To Go To The Source Of Good Communication!
 - Luke 5:31-32 - “And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance!”
4. After Looking At The Source / Spring Of Our Communication:
 - Look Tonight At The Content Of Our Communication:
 - “Be Careful What You Say!”
 - The Actual Words You Use Are Important!
 - The Actual Words You Use Make A Difference!
 - Key: Found In The Life Of Balaam:
 - Numbers 22:
 - 3 - King Of Moab Is Afraid Of Israel!
 - 11 - Sent For Balaam, A Midianite Prophet For Hire, To Curse Israel!
 - 12 - Under God’s Direction, Balaam Could Not Bring Himself To Curse Israel, But Instead Blessed Israel With The Words God Gave Him!
 - While Most Of The Rest Of Balaam’s Life Was Not Honoring To God, We Glean A Key Principle For Communication:
 - 22:38 - “The word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak!”
 - ***Your Words Ought To Reflect God’s Words!***
 - Tonight, Think About ***Your*** Words!
 - Do They Reflect God’s Words?
 - Do They Reveal God’s Work In Your Heart?
 - Ask Yourself These Questions:
1. ***Are Your Words False Or True?*** Content!
 - God Has Much To Say About The Truth Because:
 - He Is Truth! He Is Called “Holy And True”! (Revelation 6:10) – He Has A Vested Interest In The Truth & So Do We!
 - Matthew 5:37 - “But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil!”
 - What Are God’s Words Like?
 - John 17:17 - “Sanctify them through thy truth: ***thy word is truth!***”
 - Without Any Admixture Of Error!
 - And Because His Word Is Truth:
 - He Instructs With His Words!
 - He Warns With His Words!
 - He Informs With His Words!

- And They Are Completely Trustworthy & Worthy To Be Listened To!
- What Are Your Word's Like?
 - Do Your Words Reflect God's Words?
 - Do You Speak The Truth?
 - Which Reflect God's Character!
 - Or Do You Speak Lies?
 - Which Reveal A Heart Of Deceitfulness & Lies!
 - God's Word Directs Your Words To Be True!
 - Ephesians 4:25 - "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another!"
 - Colossians 3:8-9 - "But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds!"
- And When Your Words Are True:
 - They Too Will Be Used By God To Instruct, Warn & Inform Those Who Will Listen!

2. ***Will Your Words Hurt Or Heal?*** Intent!

- The Content Of Your Words Need To Be True!
 - But What About The Intent Of Your Words?
 - What Is Your Purpose When You Open Your Mouth To Communicate To Others (Or Take Up Pen / Keyboard)?
- What Will God's Words Do?
 - Ps 107:20 - "He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions!"
 - The Intent Of God's Word Is Primarily To ***Heal!***
 - It Is Through His Word He Saves!
 - It Is Through His Word He Sanctifies!
- What Will Your Words Do?
 - Do Your Words Reflect God's Words?
 - Do Your Words Heal?
 - Bringing Strength & Health & Even Salvation To Those Who Are Weak & Dying?
 - When You Speak Or Communicate To Others, Is This Your Intent & Purpose?
 - Or Do Your Words Hurt?
 - Job 19:2 - Job Asked His Friends & Counselors: "How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words?"
 - Proverbs 15:1 - "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger!"
 - God's Word Directs Your Words To Heal!
 - Proverbs 12:25 - "Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad!"
- And When Your Words Heal:
 - Your Words Will Reflect God's Words!

3. ***Do Your Words Discourage Or Encourage?*** Result!

- You May Have The Right Intent When You Speak – But, What Are The Actual Results When You Speak?
 - Do You Sense Or See What Happens To The Person You Are Talking To? What Do Your Words Tend To Do To The People You Are Communicating With?
- What Do God's Words Do?
 - Acts 20:32 - "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified!" (Paul)
 - The Words Of God Tend To Build Up / Edify / Encourage!
- What Do Your Words Do?
 - Do Your Words Reflect God's Words?
 - Do Your Words Tend To Encourage?
 - You Can Tell By What It Does To Person You Are Talking To: Does It Provide Joy, Comfort, Blessing?

- 1 Corinthians 14:3 - “But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort!”
- Ephesians 4:29 - “Ministering grace unto the hearers!”
- Or Do Your Words Tend To Discourage?
- God’s Word Directs Your Words To Encourage!
 - Ephesians 4:19 - “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers!”
- And When Your Words Encourage:
 - You Will Be A Source Of Joy & Comfort To Others!

4. *Are Your Words Self-Serving Or Others-Serving?* Focus!

- What Is Your Focus When You Communicate To Others?
 - Are You Solely Focused On Getting Your Point Across & Your Opinion Out There?
 - Or Are You Focused On Using Your Words To Benefit Others – Not Just Yourself?
- What Are God’s Words Like?
 - John 6:63 - “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life!”
 - God’s Words Are Not Self-Serving!
 - To Get His Point Across, That We Have Sinned Against Him, And Deserve His Wrath!
 - God’s Words Are Others-Serving!
 - To Share His Spirit & His Life To Those Who Are In A Desperate Situation!
- What Are Your Words Like?
 - Do Your Words Reflect God’s Words?
 - Are They Self-Serving?
 - Proverbs 18:2 - “A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself!”
 - “To Make A Show Of It!” (Gill)
 - Are They Others-Serving?
 - God’s Word Directs Your Words To Help / Serve Others!
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:18 - “Wherefore comfort one another with these words!”
 - How? By Using His Word!
 - Keeping It Always In Your Mind!
 - Keeping It Always On Your Tongue!
- And When Your Words Serve Others:
 - Your Words Will Reflect God’s Words!

5. *Are Your Words Grumbling Or Grateful?* Response!

- Your Words Will Often Show How You Are Responding To The Lord, His Word & His Work In Your Life!
 - If, In Your Heart, You Are Complaining – Your Words Will Turn To Grumbling! (Much Like Israel)
 - If, In Your Heart, You Are Content – Your Words Will Turn To Gratefulness!
- What Are Your Words Like?
 - Do Your Words Respond To God’s Words?
 - Are You A Grumbler & Complainer?
 - The Lord Characterizes As Ungodly Those Who Are:
 - Jude 16 - “These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men’s persons in admiration because of advantage!”
 - God’s Word Directs Your Words To Be Grateful & Content!
 - Ephesians 5:4 - “Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks!”
- And When Your Words Reveal Gratitude:
 - Your Words Will Respond To God’s Words Properly!

Conclusion:

1. Much More Can Be Said!
 - Key: Do Your Words Reflect God's Words?
 - In Their Content? Are They True Or False?
 - In Their Intent? Do They Heal Or Hurt?
 - In Their Results? Are They Encouraging Or Discouraging?
 - In Their Focus? Are They Others-Serving Or Self-Serving?
 - In Their Response? Are They Used To Grumble Or Show Gratitude?
 - Remember: "The word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak!"

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