

Value What God Values

Matthew 12:35 "The good man brings out of *his* good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings out of *his* evil treasure what is evil. 36 "But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.

Scripture(s): James 3:1-5

I. The first reason that we must take seriously how we use our mouths in the service of God is that teachers are under a stricter _____. The warning regarding teaching is connected to how we use our _____.

Revelation 20:4 Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

✓ Seek to speak only words which would _____ God.

II. The second reason that we must take seriously how we use our mouths in the service of God is that we all _____. Although we all sin, a person who controls his tongue understands what God _____.

Deuteronomy 18:20 'But the prophet who speaks a word presumptuously in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or which he speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'

✓ Value the people God has placed in your life by being _____ in how you speak to them.

III. The third reason that we must take seriously how we use our mouths in the service of God is that what we say is hard to _____. The tongue is a powerful tool to either _____ us or _____ us.

Luke 6:43-45 43 "For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit, nor, on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit. 44 "For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush. 45 "The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil *treasure* brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.

✓ Use God's principles to put a _____ in your mouth.

James 1:19 *This* you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger;

Ephesians 4:29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a *word* as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

Psalms 15:2 He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, And speaks truth in his heart.

Remember this - To be a faithful steward of God's truth we must _____ what He _____.

Our challenge: Care deeply about _____ you say and _____ you say it.

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