

The Importance of Words

Our words are very important to God. He says in Matthew 12:36, "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." Even words we don't necessarily mean matter. This means that we better use our words carefully.

Scripture(s): James 5:12

I. The first truth that teaches us how to use our words as God's people is that our word should need no _____ . Do not swear by anything God has _____ .

Matthew 5:33-37 33 "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.' 34 But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; 35 nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

✓ When you say yes, follow through without needing some sort of _____ promise.

II. The second truth that teaches us how to use our words as God's people is that we are to _____ what we say. For a believer, yes means _____ .

2 Corinthians 1:17-20 17 Therefore, when I was planning this, did I do it lightly? Or the things I plan, do I plan according to the flesh, that with me there should be Yes, Yes, and No, No? 18 But as God is faithful, our word to you was not Yes and No. 19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes. 20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

✓ If our yes is to mean yes, then think _____ before you agree to things.

III. The third truth that teaches us how to use our words as God's people is that we are held accountable for both inconsistency and over _____. God holds us _____ for meaning what we say and following through on what we say.

Luke 14:25-33 25 Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, 26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. 27 And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple... 33 So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

✓ Make it your ambition to speak the _____ and do what you _____ you will do.

Remember this - God expects His people to keep their _____ and speak carefully to say what they mean.

Our challenge: Treat your words as _____ that must be spent wisely.

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