

WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE

Colossians 4: 2-6

Introduction: Words have meaning. Sticks and stones can break my bones, but words can never hurt me is a great falsehood: **1. The destruction of vile speech:** sexual immorality (Prov.5:3), deceit (Jer. 9:8), curses (Ps. 10:7), oppression (Ps. 10:7), lies (Prov. 12:22), destruction (Prov.11:11), vanity (2 Pet. 2:18), flattery (Prov. 26:28), foolishness (Prov.15:2), madness (Eccles10:12-13), carelessness (Matt. 12:36), boasting (Rom. 1:30), false doctrine (Titus 1:11), evil plots (Ps. 37:12), hatred (Ps.109:3), too many words (Eccles. 10:14), gossip (Prov. 26:22)

James 3:2-12

But what would life be without words. The words of redemption: Confession of sin (I John 1:9), confession of Christ (Rom. 10:9-10), edifying speech (Eph 4:29), talk of God's law (Ex. 13:9), praise to God (Heb. 13:15), blessing of enemies (I Pet. 3:9), talk about God (Ps. 66:16), wisdom and kindness (Prov. 31:26), gentleness (Prov. 15:1).

The challenge of speech from Colossians 4: 2-6:

WORDS OF PRAYER

- Walking: Continue v.2
- Watching: Awake v.2
- Thankful: Thanksgiving v.2
- Specific: praying for us v.3a

WORDS OF THE WORD

- Speech given by God v. 3b
- Speech that proclaims the gospel v. 3b
- Speech that manifests the gospel v.4

WORDS OF WITNESS

- Walk in wisdom v.5
- Redeeming the time v.5
- To those that are without v.5

WORDS OF WISDOM

- Marked with grace
- Seasoned with salt
- Knowing how to answer

Conclusion: The only way we can walk right, talk right, and act right is by the grace of God. Paul bears this out in so many ways through his writings. **God's grace bestowed upon us. I Cor. 15:10. Yielding ourselves to God in total surrender II Cor. 9:8.** Then and only then will God be glorified by consistency in our personal lives. This should be our New Year's resolution.

