

Do Words Matter?

stewardship of our tongues
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1) No One Is Perfect: James 3:2

Psalms 14:3 = "They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one."

Ecclesiastes 7:20 = "Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins."

1 John 1:8-10 = "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."

Romans 3:23 = "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

2) Power of the Tongue: James 3:3-6

Proverbs 26:18-19 = "Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death is the man who deceives his neighbor and says, 'I am only joking!'"

Colossians 3:21 = "Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged."

Proverbs 18:21 = "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit."

Proverbs 21:23 = "Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble."

3) Reflection of the Heart: James 3:7-4:1

Matthew 12:33-37 = "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. I tell you, on the day of judgement people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

4) Fill Your Heart: Psalm 1

Proverbs 4:20-23 = "My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life."

Proverbs 22:6 = "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

Colossians 3:5-10 = "Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in

them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.”

5) Edify, STUPID

1 Thessalonians 5:11 = “Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”

Ephesians 6:4 = “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

Proverbs 27:17 = “Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.”

Proverbs 3:27 = “Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.”

Conclusion:

Do not let your words obscure the grace or graciousness of Jesus Christ - Sinclair Ferguson

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 = “The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgement, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.”

“Take My Life, and Let It Be” hymn 585