The Power of Your Words

Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment. Proverbs 12:19

This verse teaches that honesty builds a lasting foundation for character and relationships, while lies, though potentially convenient temporarily, ultimately self-destruct and erode trust. God looks after those who love the truth and speak the truth. Under His blessing, they will be established forever. The lying tongue is but for a moment. It often seems that the lying tongue wins the day and is stronger than the truthful lip. The judgments of the God of truth will show how temporary the success of the lying tongue is.

But for a moment: the lying tongue may continue to utter its falsehood for long years by the calendars of men, but when you place those years by the side of the ages of God, they are as a moment, as the winking of the eye, as nothing. Truth stands the test of time and creates a lasting legacy, while deception is temporary; because truths foundation is indestructible, but falsehood may soon be detected, and though it ultimately exposes the speaker to judgment.

Speech reflects the heart, a practice of truthfulness indicates faith, while habitual lying demonstrates a lack of trust in God. Honesty fosters trust in relationships and spiritual freedom, whereas lying breeds suspicion and separates individuals from the peace of God.

Believers are encouraged to commit to holy integrity in speech, recognizing that truthful words contribute to an eternal legacy and reflect God's unchanging nature. Proverbs 12:19 describes a practice, Jesus personifies a Person. When we commit to truthful lips, we're not just following a rule- we're imitating the One who said, "I am the truth." His words endured forever because He Himself is eternal. Our truthfulness, however, only endures when it flows from abiding in Him.

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

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Message Notes

How will you put what you've learned into practice in your marriage this week?

Our Prayers

Memory Verse

"A soft answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger."
Proverbs 15:1

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