



Who do your **WORDS** reveal you to **BE**?

Today's passages: **Colossians 4:5-6** (p. 1680); **Matthew 12:33-37** (p. 1391)

Our words **MATTER**:

They hold the power of **LIFE** and **DEATH**.

What we **SAY** reveals who we **ARE**.

The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.
~ Proverbs 18:21

You [alone] have the words of eternal life [you are our only hope].
~ John 6:68, AMP

For Further Personal Reflection & Group Discussion:

What's your favorite game to play? Who introduced you to it; why do you enjoy it?

Read Proverbs 18:21, Colossians 4:5-6, Matthew 12:33-37, and John 6:68.

- What picture does this give you of the power and value of our words?
- What else jumps out at you from these passages?
- What do you think Jesus means when he tells us we "everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken" (Matthew 12:36)?

What are ways we might be using "empty words" when it comes to our relationships with God and others? What are examples of "full" or living words (as opposed to empty ones)?

Pastor Jeremiah said that having our words "seasoned with salt" is an invitation to see our words as an opportunity to bring out the best flavors of life for others and to be part of partnering with the goodness of God in the world. How are you processing this? How have you experienced someone else's words helping you encounter God's goodness and the "best flavors" of the life we live?

How are you answering the question, "Who do your words reveal you to be?" What would you like to see different there? Share this with someone you trust who can pray with & for you and encourage you as you move toward that this week.

How to begin a new life in Christ:

Jesus has already done everything necessary for us to have new life and freedom in him!

We can choose to respond to this by:

- 1) Acknowledging we (like everyone else!) need new life in Jesus.
- 2) Asking God to forgive our sins by the work of Jesus.
- 3) Receiving new life from God by trusting in Jesus as the one who frees us (as Savior) and leads us (as Lord).

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Jesus, I have been lost in deep darkness and need you to rescue me. I have done things I need your forgiveness of; I have lived in separation from you and need you to reconcile us. You died and rose from the dead, so I know you can do this in my life. I receive you as my rescuing savior and put my faith in you as my Lord.

Help me to live for you in the light from this day forward. In your name, amen.

**If you chose to follow Jesus today, text "JESUS" to 262-302-3021.
We'll send you some exciting next steps and celebrate with you!**



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