

“ONE WORD” part 1 PLEASE

Proverbs 18:21 “The Tongue has the power of life and death!”

-WE CAN FEEL BUILT UP OR TORN DOWN QUICKLY!

Proverbs 12:18 says that “Reckless words pierce like a sword”

-WE HAVE ALL FELT THE WOUNDS OF WORDS!

Gary Smalley points out:

- average woman speaks over 25,000 words a day
- average man speaks only a little over 10,000.

THAT LEAVES US A LOT OF ROOM FOR ERROR!!!

James 3:3-5 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark.

James 3:9-12 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God’s likeness. ¹⁰Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. ¹¹Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹²My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

SO THE WORDS THAT COME FROM OUR LIPS MATTER!!!

-5 weeks of POSITIVE words that can shape us!

Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

SERIES: 5 words that connect to our hearts!

PLEASE: A humble heart

THANKS: A Grateful heart

YES: A Surrendered heart

NO: A Protected heart

GO: A Willing Heart

TODAY: PLEASE

We say the word "**please**" because it shows **politeness, respect,** and **humility** when we ask for something.

WHO WAS TAUGHT THAT AS A KID???

WHY WE TEACH IT TO OUR KIDS!

POLITENESS: Instead of demanding — "Give me that!" — we say, "**Please** give me that," —which softens the request.

It acknowledges 3 things:

- "I recognize your choice."
- "I value you."
- "I don't have the right to force you — I am asking kindly."

1) I RECOGNIZE YOUR CHOICE

PLEASE SAYS “I NEED YOUR HELP”

-Asking permission EMPOWERS the person and gives them DIGNITY & RESPECT!

Respect gives dignity instead of demand

PRACTICAL: Would you rather be ASKED to do something? Or TOLD?

-Sometimes we need to be told....I get it!

-But it feels different to be asked!

-Stubborn side of me makes me NOT want to do it!

“THE GOLDEN RULE”

Matthew 7:12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

TREAT PEOPLE THE WAY YOU WANT TO BE TREATED!

I DON'T LIKE ENTITLEMENT!

SIDE NOTE: I don't like demanding prayers!

Philippians 4:5-7 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

WE SHOW DIGNITY AND RESPECT BY SIMPLY SAYING “PLEASE”

We teach our kids to say PLEASE because it is POLITE & RESPECTFUL!

Colossians 4:6 "Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

Seasoned with salt! WE ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH!

Ephesians 4:2-3 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

2) I VALUE YOU

Maturity is moving from “ME” TO “WE”

-Saying “PLEASE” is OTHERS FOCUSED!

MARK BATTERSON EXAMPLE:

-2 Attitudes people carry when they walk into a room:

“HERE I AM”or.....”THERE YOU ARE”

HUMILITY SEES OTHERS!

Philippians 2:1-8 Imitating Christ’s Humility

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to

the interests of the others. ⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

-Jesus demonstrated TRUE Humility at the last supper!

WASHED HIS DISCIPLES FEET!

-this was a sign of hospitality after a long journey

-this was a nasty job done by a hired servant

John 13:3-5 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and **began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.**

-Crazy lesson in humility! SERVANT LEADERSHIP!

-Maturity is taking the napkin from your neck and putting it over your arm!

John 13:14-17 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Simple: Saying please, even when it is their job.....shows humility!

-Why we still ask employees or even servers!

Romans 12:10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

IT WILL MAKE US STAND OUT!!!!!!

3) I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO DEMAND OR FORCE YOU.....I AM ASKING!

It is an invitation given to all! ! JUST WHAT JESUS DOES!

Revelation 3:20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

When God wants to change us.....he does it in kindness! (still can hurt)

Romans 2:1-4 You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. ² Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. ³ So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? ⁴ Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

THE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL IS ALL BACKWARDS!

THE UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM (everything is backwards)

The less you judge people....the more free you are! (less you will be judged)

The more generous you are....the richer you are.

The weaker you are.....the stronger you are in the Kingdom of God.

The greatest leader is the greatest servant. (Jesus washed their feet)

The to be first..... you must serve and be last.

True victory comes through surrender. Giving up control!

The more you lose yourselfthe more you will find yourself.

To truly live you must die to yourself. (More of God and less of me)

Love your enemies and bless those that curse you. (Imperial Law)

-If a roman soldier says carry his things for one mile....go two!

Pride leads to destruction.....God hears the prayers from humble hearts.

I deserve DEATH.....BUT.....I have been given ETERNAL LIFE!

GOD'S WILL IS THAT NONE SHOULD PERISH.....BUT WE CHOOSE!

The Invitation is given to ALL!

ONE WORD: PLEASE

I RECOGNIZE YOUR CHOICE

I VALUE YOU

I AM NOT DEMANDING OR FORCING YOU

-PLEASE doesn't assert it's authority, it relinquishes its rights!

-PLEASE is moving napkins from your neck to your arm!

-PLEASE is giving someone the upper hand

-PLEASE is thinking of others with a humble heart

-PLEASE is adding value and respect to others!

ALL NEED TO DO A HEART CHECK!!!

Not asking if you say PLEASE enough:

-Do you value others?

-Maybe you have become “ENTITLED” and didn’t even realize it?

-When you walk in....is it “Here I am” or “There you are?”

-Do you need to accept the invitation? “Relationship with Jesus”