

## Godly Communication. Part 4: The Results of Listening or Not Listening to God. Homework.

From creation to eternity, only two paths lie before us, and our words both reveal and reinforce which path we are walking. God, in His grace, has clearly shown us the way of life through His Word and through the work of Christ. Once we are born again, He calls us to walk the path of life by faith—to fill our hearts with His Word and to love Him with all our heart, soul, and mind in response to His great love for us. Scripture instructs us to speak the truth in love as we walk the narrow path, where we will experience the blessings of godly communication in our personal lives, homes, churches, and even our nation. This calling is challenging, but the stakes are high: “Death and life are in the power of the tongue... therefore choose life.”

Psalm 1:1–3

*“Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.”*

List the things the blessed man is not doing.

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What are the habits of the blessed man and how can you copy those habits in your own life?

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What are the results for the blessed man?

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Psalm 1:4–6

*“The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.”*

What are the results of the ungodly man in the text above?

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Ephesians 2:4–5

*“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),”*

What does the text remind us about the work of Christ?

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Romans 10:9–10

*“if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”*

Salvation is only possible because Jesus came and died for our sins and conquered sin and death for us.

What does the verse above say we must do to become beneficiaries of Christ’s work? (Saved)

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Matthew 7:13–14

*“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”*

How many paths are listed? In your own words, describe the two paths.

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Jesus said, *“narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life”*

*Describe below just how narrow the gate is, and why the path is difficult.*

*See: John 14:6, Luke 9:23, Eph 4:22-24, col 3:5,12.*

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Psalm 119:9

*“How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.”*

If we want to have Godly communication and influence in our homes, churches, and society, how important is it that we study and obey the Word?

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Psalm 119:10

*“With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!”*

Jesus said, “Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” Matthew 12:34, Luke 6:45.

How important is it that we seek God with all our heart?

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Psalm 119:11

*“Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.”*

The psalmist, knew of his fallen nature, his propensity to sin, and that he must hide God’s Word in His heart

Write below a commitment to memorize at least two verses to help you grow in listening to God, and following his ways.

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Revelation 22:12–17

*“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.” Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.” And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.”*

The invitation from Jesus remains open! *“let him who hears say, “Come!”*

*Have you personally responded to Christ’s offer of salvation? If not, then come! Write out below a prayer of confession and trusting in Christ alone for your salvation and begin your journey of faith on the path of life. If you are already saved, then write a prayer of thankfulness for Christ making a way!*

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