

Key Question: Do I need to say this _____?

Sermon Notes / Outline

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THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK, Week 5 SPEAKING ONLY NECESSARY WORDS

"Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit." Matthew 12:33 (NIV)

"You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks." Matthew 12:34 (NIV)

Principle: My words reveal my _____.
What comes out of my _____ reveals what's in my _____.

"The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned." Matthew 12:35-37 (NIV)

T _____
H _____
I _____
N _____
K _____

Key Question: Do I need to say this now?

What is my _____ of _____?

Do I have the _____ to address this?

"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?" Matthew 7:3 (NIV)

"Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults — unless, of course, you want the same treatment. That critical spirit has a way of boomeranging. It's easy to see a smudge on your neighbor's face and be oblivious to the ugly sneer on your own. Do you have the nerve to say, 'Let me wash your face for you,' when your own face is distorted by contempt? It's this whole traveling road-show mentality all over again, playing a holier-than-thou part instead of just living your part. Wipe that ugly sneer off your own face, and you might be fit to offer a washcloth to your neighbor." Matthew 7:1-5 (Msg)

Key Question: Do I _____ to say this now?

Is this _____, _____, and _____?

Will this _____ the person I'm talking to or talking about?

"Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up." Romans 15:2 (NIV)

If my words don't build up others, I don't need to _____

Is this about what I need or about what the _____

Am I _____ or just trying to make sure my opinion is heard?

Am I _____ what everyone else is saying?

Key Question: Ask yourself: Am I H.A.L.T.?

H _____
A _____
L _____
T _____

Am I speaking out of _____?

What is my _____ for speaking?

"A wise man holds his tongue. Only a fool blurts out everything he knows; that only leads to sorrow and trouble." Proverbs 10:14 (TLB)

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Is there a _____ to communicate?

Key Question: Do I need to say _____ now?

Are these words _____?

Are they _____ and true?

Am I _____ or am I _____?

Do these words cause _____ or _____?

Replace _____ words with _____ words.

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The right words at the wrong time are the _____ words.

"Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil." Ephesians 5:15-16 (NIV)

The right words at the right time will be _____ by God.

"The right word at the right time is like a custom-made piece of jewelry. And a wise friend's timely reprimand is like a gold ring slipped on your finger. Reliable friends who do what they say are like cool drinks in sweltering heat — refreshing!" Proverbs 25:11-13 (Msg)

Saying the right words at the right time _____ to the hearer _____