



TODAY'S MESSAGE:



Why did I say that?

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Matthew 12:34b-35 (NIV)

For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.

Matthew 15:18 (NIV)

But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them.

Psalms 19:14 (NIV)

*May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart
be pleasing in your sight Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

Romans 10:9 (NIV)

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Matthew 12:36-37 (NIV)

"But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

James 3:9-10 (NIV)

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

Colossians 4:6 (NIV)

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

Conversation Characteristics that Represent a Healthy Heart:

1. Full of Grace

Proverbs 16:24 (NIV)

Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

Proverbs 15:1(NIV)

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Luke 4:22 (NIV)

All spoke well of him, and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips.

2. Seasoned with salt

Proverbs 12:18

The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

2 Timothy 4:2 (NIV)

Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

3. Know how to answer everyone

Proverbs 12:25 (NIV)

Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up.

Ephesians 4:29a (NIV)

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs...

Say the right thing in the right way at the right time.

Reflection Questions:

- 1) Share a time where you asked yourself 'Why did I say that?' in reaction to a conversation.

- 2) Read Matthew 12:34b-35 and Matthew 15:18. When we reflect on our words and say, 'Why did I say that?', where do those words come from?

- 3) Read Matthew 12:36-37 and James 3:9-10. Why do our words matter?

- 4) Read Col. 4:6. What does a conversation full of grace look like?

- 5) What does a conversation seasoned with salt feel like?

- 6) What does it mean to have an answer for everyone?

- 7) If you were to analyze your conversations in light of Col 4:6, what would be the area you feel most comfortable with? How about the least comfortable with?



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