Pastor’s Notes

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There was a Syrian man named John that was born around the year 347 AD.

He was such an effective preacher for Christ that he was given the surname by his followers as John Chrysostom. Chrysostom literally means “Golden-mouthed.” Below is an excerpt from one of his sermons.

*Nothing is more frigid than a Christian who is indifferent to the salvation of others. Indeed I wonder if such a person can be a true Christian. To become a disciple of Christ is to obey His law of love; and obedience to the law brings joy beyond measure and description. Love means to want the best for others, sharing with them the joy of love. So the Christian feels compelled to speak to others about the law of love, and the law of obeying this law. Of course, many people are shy about speaking to others; in their case actions motivated by love will be a most eloquent testimony. But those who are not shy will surely will want to express their joy at every opportunity. There is no need to use fine words or elegant phrases; even the most uneducated people can convey joyful love by the Spirit which accompanies their words. Even slaves have been known to convert their masters and mistresses by the sincerity of their speech.*

Yours in Christ,

