Living a Life That Honors God With The Way We Speak

BEING ALL IN WITH GOD

LUKE 6:45

COLLOSSIANS 4:6

PSALM 19:14

Matthew 12:36

I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they spoken.

1. If we are following Christ, our words should reflect it.

James 1:26

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves and their religion is worthless.

2. Our words reflect our Heart

Luke 6:45

The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

- It helps us have insight into the people around us about how to respond to them.
- It gives us insight about ourselves.
- It gives us an opportunity to change the way we speak by changing what is in our hearts.

3. Watching Our Words = Self Control

Galatians 5:22

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

4. Not everything deserves or needs a response

Ecclesiastes 5:2

Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.

Proverbs 19:11
A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back.

Proverbs 10:19
When there are many words; sin is unavoidable, but the one who restrains his lips is wise.

Exodus 14:14

The Lord will fight for you;
you need only to be still.

Proverbs 13:3

The one who guards his mouth preserves his life, the one who opens wide his lips come to ruin.

1. Actually Listen to what People Say

Proverbs 18:13

To answer before listening - that is his folly and his shame.

2. Pause Before You Speak

James 1:19

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this; Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

3. Don't respond to Fools

Proverbs 26:4

Don't answer the foolish arguments of fools, or you will become as foolish as they are.

4. Refuse to Engage in Unwholesome Talk

Ephesians 4:29

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

5.Always Respond Gently and With Grace

Colossians 4:6

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

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Practical Points of Action

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Psalm 19:14

May the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.