

Our words are important because we must give an account for every _____ word.

“But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. “For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”” Matthew 12:36, 37

- The word “idle” means inactive, unemployed, barren, useless, lazy, and slow.
- “But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ & your ‘No,’ ‘No.’ For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.” Mt 5:37

We are instructed to _____ the words that we use in order to _____ the whole body.

“For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he *is* a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. Indeed, we put bits in horses’ mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. But no man can tame the tongue. *It is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. ***Out of the same mouth proceed blessing & cursing.*** My brethren, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring send forth fresh *water* and bitter from the same opening? Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.” Ja 3:2-12

- **Our words display the fruit in our lives and expose what is in the heart.** Luke 6:43-45
- Pray. Ps 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, & the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight...

Sometimes we can feel that we’ve been _____ by God and by the words of family and friends.

“Then Job answered and said: “How long will you torment my soul. And break me in pieces with words?” Job 19:1, 2... “My relatives have failed, And my close friends have forgotten me. Those who dwell in my house, and my maidservants, Count me as a stranger: I am an alien in their sight. I call my servant, but he gives no answer; I beg him with my mouth. My breath is offensive to my wife. And I am repulsive to the children of my own body. Even young children despise me; I arise, and they speak against me. All my close friends abhor me. And those whom I love have turned against me. My bone clings to my skin and to my flesh. And I have escaped by the skin of my teeth. “Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends, For the hand of God has struck me! Why do you persecute me as God *does*. And are not satisfied with my flesh?” Job 19:14-22

- Our words can refresh and **encourage** someone that is discouraged and ready to give up. (Pr 25:11,12) or the opposite.
- The Greek definition for encourage is “one who puts courage INTO the heart of another”.

We are encouraged to use our words carefully to _____ others up.

“This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, putting away lying, “*Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,*” for we are members of one another. “Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil. Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not **grieve** the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 4:17-32

- Use the power of your words to build God’s kingdom and establish His purpose.

Our words must align themselves with the _____ of God’s words.

“Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree which *was* in Ophrah, which *belonged* to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide *it* from the Midianites. And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, “The LORD *is* with you, you mighty man of valor!” Gideon said to Him, “O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where *are* all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.” Then the LORD turned to him and said, “*Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?*” So he said to Him, “O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I *am* the least in my father’s house.” And the LORD said to him, “Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man.”” Judges 6:11-16

- **We must hear and heed the power of God’s call and His anointing upon our lives.**