

By Your Words **Matthew 12:36-37**

We will be judged but the words we speak

Regardless of who we are the very words we say could be used against or for us

It all depends on what words we have as part of our vocabulary

Words can hurt, uplift, console, tear down, mend a broken heart, expose one's intent, get one in trouble, or even out of trouble

Christians need to be mindful of the words he speaks at home and in public as well

Many times, we are judged by those we meet by the words we speak or listen to!

Helpful Words

There is nothing closer to the heart than the tongue - **Matthew 12:34**

Our selection of words is based on that which we allow to dwell in our hearts. - **Proverbs 18:21**

A heart filled with God's Word will always speak beneficial things

Idle Words

An idle man or an idle machine is of no value (*careless words*)

Words can be used which are worthless, if they do not produce that which is good. - **Ephesians 4:29**

Hurtful Words

How often do we say things that we really do not mean?

Or that we have not given proper thought too?

How often later have we wished we could take them back, many times those words lead to a quarrel over minute things - **Proverbs 17:14**

Would it not be better to keep hurtful, unnecessary words to ourselves and not cause disorder?

Course Words

Cursing is one habit that is easily broken if we would only stop and think what we are saying.

We do not have to talk like the world to be accepted by them.

We are children of God, a holy people, "Spiritual Israel." - **1Corinthians 14:12**

We will give an account at the judgement - **Matthew 25:31-46**

In judgement we will be responsible for our charitable deeds, not just to those to whom we are accustomed, but to those in need and we have the where-with-all to alleviate that need.

We will also be judged by our willingness to obey the gospel - **Matthew 7:21**

In judgement we will be responsible for our words - **James 3:6**

This is the only time that the original word "Gehenna" (hell) is used except by Jesus.

How would our words change if before we spoke, we thought about having to answer to God for what we were about to say? Think About it, we will!

Will we be "justified" or condemned"?

The words we say are very powerful!

We have all heard the phrase, "The pen is mightier than the sword."

Good words may strengthen the spirit - **Hebrews 4:12; Colossians 4:6**

When one's heart is filled with wise words which originate in the word of God his speech can be a blessing to others in helping them to think and act more honorable.

This is the type of speech that will justify us before God.

Evil words may damage the spirit - **Proverbs 13:3; James 1:19-20**

By Your Words

When your heart is filled with bitterness or vanity it originates in sin.

Your speech can and will destroy not only yourself but others as well.

The words you speak will either justify you or condemn you before God!