

WHAT'S ONE THING YOU ARE GOING TO PRAY ABOUT
BASED ON THE SERMON?

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IN RESPONSE TO HIS WORD, WHAT IS THE NEXT
STEP GOD IS CALLING YOU TO?

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WHO ARE THE PEOPLE THAT WOULD BE MOST
IMPACTED IF YOU APPLIED THIS MESSAGE?

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Sermon Notes

Proverbs: Speech | June 1st

Outline

What We Say To _____ Matters

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What Matters More Is What _____ Says
To _____

Passages in today's Sermon

Proverbs 8:18, Proverbs 10:22, Proverbs 15:16, Proverbs
20:21, Proverbs 10:2, Proverbs 13:23, Proverbs 28:20,
Proverbs 11:4, Proverbs 17:5, Proverbs 22:2, Proverbs 28:6,
Proverbs 23:4-5, Proverbs 15:27, Proverbs 19:17, Proverbs
11:24-25, Matthew 6:19-21, Proverbs 30:8-9

Read Proverbs 18:21 and Proverbs 16:23-24

"The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit." (Proverbs 18:21)

The sermon shared the story of Gerald Ratner, whose careless joke cost his company a billion dollars. Can you think of an example of how wise, well-timed words made a significant positive difference in a situation you witnessed or experienced? Or a situation where poorly timed words made things much worse?

Read Hebrews 12:18 and Genesis 4:10

"You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm." (Hebrews 12:18)

"The Lord said, 'What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground.'" (Genesis 4:10)

The climax of the sermon was that while our words matter, God's word to us matters more. Jesus' blood "speaks a better word" than Abel's blood, which cried out for vengeance. How does knowing that God speaks grace and forgiveness over you change the way you view your own failures with words?

Read Psalm 43:5 and Proverbs 12:25

"Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God." (Psalm 43:5)

"Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up." (Proverbs 12:25)

The sermon mentioned that we all have internal conversations with ourselves. David in Psalm 43:5 coaches himself through anxiety and discouragement. How do you typically speak to yourself during difficult times?

Read Proverbs 12:18 and Proverbs 15:4

"The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing." (Proverbs 12:18)

"The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit." (Proverbs 15:4)

Think about a time when someone's words brought you healing or encouragement. Now consider a time when careless words caused damage. How can we become more intentional about speaking "life" into the people around us - our family, friends, and coworkers?

Read Proverbs 20:25

"It is a trap to dedicate something rashly and only later to consider one's vows." (Proverbs 20:25)

The sermon warned against making rash promises to God. Have you ever made commitments in an emotional moment that you later struggled to keep? How can we be more thoughtful about the promises we make?

Read Proverbs 6:16-19 and Proverbs 11:13

"There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community." (Proverbs 6:16-19)

"Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets, but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing covered." (Proverbs 11:13)
Notice that lying and stirring up conflict appear twice in God's list of things He hates.

How does gossip stir up division? How can we create a culture in our relationships where we "cover over" each other's faults rather than expose them?