

**Reading:** Colossians 4:5,6

**Topic:** The Importance Of The Words We Speak

**INTRODUCTION:** The Word of God states that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are in the power of the tongue, thus how important are the \_\_\_\_\_ that we speak each day. Pr. 18:21

## **I. RESEARCH REVEALS:**

### ***A. In The Workplace:***

1. Recent research has discovered that how employees \_\_\_\_\_ to one another has a bearing on workplace performance, customer satisfaction and on company \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Studies show that the most effective \_\_\_\_\_ groups have people in them that give one another words of encouragement and affirmation six times more than \_\_\_\_\_ of negativity and disapproval.
3. The same studies revealed that the least productive teams in a workplace are those that \_\_\_\_\_ three times as many negative \_\_\_\_\_ and comments as any positive or helpful ones.

### ***B. In Daily Life:***

1. People in everyday life are exposed to various kinds of media and \_\_\_\_\_ sources, most of which send out over ninety percent negative \_\_\_\_\_ in their repertoire.
2. When one is exposed to a continual stream of \_\_\_\_\_ information, it tends to affect individuals in their \_\_\_\_\_ and in their behavior.
3. Surveys reveal that there are more negative minded and negative \_\_\_\_\_ people than there are positive minded and positive \_\_\_\_\_ people. Num. 13:25-33

## **II. WORDS ARE IMPORTANT:**

### ***A. What Jesus Said:***

1. Jesus taught that our \_\_\_\_\_ are vitally important and that one day we will be judged for the things that we \_\_\_\_\_. Mt. 12:36,37 (idle = useless)
2. Jesus also taught that the \_\_\_\_\_ that are spoken by an individual really are revealing what is in the inside or the \_\_\_\_\_ of that person. Mt. 12:34
3. A negative minded individual will \_\_\_\_\_ negatively while on the other hand a positive minded person will \_\_\_\_\_ positively. Mt. 12:35

### ***B. What A Wise Man Said:***

1. There is a lesson to learn from the wise man who was inspired by God to \_\_\_\_\_ the Book of Proverbs and parts of the writing include the subject of our \_\_\_\_\_. Pr. 25:11 (fitly – right, proper)
2. Knowing \_\_\_\_\_ to speak and when to speak is something that we all can learn by asking God for more wisdom and by observing others who are effective in their \_\_\_\_\_. Pr. 15:23
3. The Word of God states that there is a time to \_\_\_\_\_ and a time to keep quiet, and God will give us the wisdom to \_\_\_\_\_ and understand which time it is. Ecc. 3:7
4. People who do not learn how to properly be guided by God and just blurt out hasty \_\_\_\_\_ will end up getting into problems often. Pr. 29:20

## **III. WORDS THAT HELP:**

**A. The Encouragers:**

1. The prophet Isaiah described a building project that was being \_\_\_\_\_ on by several different men and the project was successful because men spoke \_\_\_\_\_ of encouragement to each other. Is. 41:6,7
2. The story of the rebuilding the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jerusalem in the Book of Nehemiah is an inspiration and good illustration of the contrast between \_\_\_\_\_ talkers and positive words and attitudes. Neh. 4:1-3, 6,14
3. With the help of prayer and the encouraging \_\_\_\_\_, the people were inspired to do their work and do it efficiently and in a speedy manner. Neh. 6:15,16

**B. Exhortation To Edify:**

1. The Word of God gives instruction to us to be involved in things that \_\_\_\_\_ one another and that is including the \_\_\_\_\_ that we speak to one another. Rom. 14:19
2. We have to choose to make an effort to use our words to \_\_\_\_\_ and encourage one another, not to find fault and criticize with negative attitudes and \_\_\_\_\_. Rom. 15:2
3. God will give us the right \_\_\_\_\_ to speak to others if we walk with Him daily through giving time to pray and absorb His Spirit and Word into our spirit, and rejecting our own \_\_\_\_\_ feelings and attitudes that can do harm to us and others. Is. 50:4

**CONCLUSION:** May the Lord help each of us to allow Him to \_\_\_\_\_ in our hearts and minds so that we will understand the importance of knowing how to speak \_\_\_\_\_ that bring hope and peace to hurting people. Let us be involved in the ministry of encouragement. Ps. 19: