

Grace-Based Marriage: Words

May 24, 2009 Matthew 12:33-37

Introduction

Words can bring about powerful good or powerful harm.

Over the course of your life, your spouse will hear more words from you than from anyone else. So how can we change our words so they bring powerful good?

Matthew 12:33-37

There's good words and there's evil words (v.35)

Good Words:

Gospel Words
Grateful Words
Affectionate Words
Constructive Words
Humble Words
Listening Words
Truthful Words
Gentle Words

Evil Words:

non-Gospel Words
Ungrateful Words
Hurtful Words
Threatening Words
Proud Words
Insensitive Words
Lying Words
No Words

We will be justified or condemned by our words (vv.36-37)

Sometimes "justified" describes how our salvation is brought about. (By faith in Jesus.)

Sometimes "justified" describes how our salvation is demonstrated. (By our words.)

So our words are crucial, not because they save us, but because they will show whether or not we have been saved.

We change our words by changing our hearts

Words are the outflow of our hearts (v.34)

We change our words by changing our hearts (v.33)

Our hearts are changed through trusting Jesus
(Acts 15:8-9)



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

Read Matthew 12:33-37.

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What are some ways this passage has been impacting you?

What are some good words that you (by God's grace) have spoken this past week?

What are some evil words you have spoken?

Does it make sense that the Bible uses the word "justify" in two different senses? Can you see how our words will not save us — but they will demonstrate that we have been saved?

In the past, what excuses have you used to justify evil words? Does it make sense that evil words come from an evil heart?

What are some ways you have experienced the Holy Spirit cleansing your heart through faith?

What are some ways you need to experience this heart change now?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

