

Sermon Outline
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The Purity Of Words

Matthew 12:33-37



Review:

Words are powerful. Words begin in the heart. Words must be truthful but delivered with love. Words should be used to encourage. Words need to be filtered.

Think BEFORE you speak.

- Is it True?
- Is it Helpful?
- Is it Inspiring?
- Is it Necessary?
- Is it Kind?

A change of heart leads to a change in both behavior and _____.

Ephesians 5:3-4 - But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.

Colossians 3:8 - But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

Why in the world are we so obsessed with cursing?

Cursing usually occurs when we experience:

- 1) Disappointment
- 2) _____
- 3) Displeasure
- 4) _____

The cause of cursing is our craving for _____.

Genesis 3:5 - For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

Those who have entrusted their life to God lose their _____ to curse.

Job 2:9-10 - His wife said to him, "Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!" He replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 - But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Two tactics to help curb cursing:

1. _____ what you're feeling rather than just expressing it.
2. _____ to God.

Psalms 77:1-2a - I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me. When I was in distress, I sought the Lord...