

Dream Home

Part 2 | Communication: The Fuel of Relationships

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James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Matthew 7:24

Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

I. THE POTENTIAL OF OUR WORDS

1. Our words are **NUCLEAR**

a. Words can energize our relationships

b. Words can destroy and devastate our family and relationships

Proverbs 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue.

2. **BUILDING** materials of **HEALTHY** relationships

a. The Bible is the blueprint for healthy marriages and families.

b. Words are the building materials, giving shape to our relationships, or they can be the wrecking ball of our future.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we

understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

c. Our words can encourage, and helps to set the direction of our relationships.

d. Even Jesus needed the words of confirmation from the Father that set the direction for His ministry.

Matthew 3:17

And behold a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

3. Our words **NOURISH, STARVE, or POISON**

Proverbs 10:21

The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of sense.

a. We live by the daily bread of God's Word.

b. We are strengthened and energized by the words of others.

Proverbs 16:24

Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

II. THE NUCLEAR REACTOR OF OUR HEART

1. Where do our **WORDS** come from?

Matthew 12:33-35

Either make the tree good and it's fruit good, or make the tree bad and it's fruit bad, for the tree is known by it's fruit. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.

2. We need a new **HEART**

a. The Gospel (Salvation)

Romans 10:14-16

But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? and how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

b. The Holy Spirit (Heal our Heart)

Romans 8:13-15

For if you live by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "ABBA, Father!"

c. God can tame what no man can