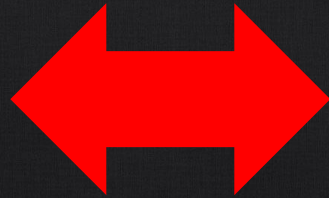


WORDS

the good Shepherd
healer
salvation
the great I AM
THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER
LORD Almighty
THE IMAGE OF GOD
THE LAMB OF GOD
my Savior
good
God in the flesh
the source of my hope
HOLY
ALMIGHTY
son of the living God
the promised One
RISEN
full of grace and mercy
eternal life
my best friend
always with me
the way, the truth, and the life
my Savior
cornerstone
the bread of life
the one who loves me
COMING AGAIN
DELIVER
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Let your speech
always be with grace,
seasoned with salt,
that you may know
how you should
answer everyone.

Colossians 4:6 MEV



“The world
cannot hate you,
but it hates me
because I testify that
its works are evil.”

John 8:7 NIV

*“...the word uttered
without any thought of
the effect it will have
on other people....”*

Matthew 12:36-37 LEB

“But I tell you that every **worthless word** that they speak,
people will give an account for it on the day of judgment!

³⁷ For by your words you will be vindicated,
and by your words you will be condemned.”



Let no
corrupting talk
come out of
your mouths....
Ephesians 4:29

Why would Jesus give such a sobering warning regarding what we say?

Matthew 12:33-37 LEB

“...the tree is known by its fruit. ³⁴ Offspring of vipers!
How are you able to say good things *when you* are evil?

For from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

³⁵ **The good person from his good treasury brings out
good things, and the evil person from his evil treasury brings
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Leon Morris

kind	↔	unkind
thoughtful	↔	self-consumed
altruistic	↔	narcissistic
forgiving	↔	vindictive
honest	↔	dishonest
humble	↔	arrogant
grateful	↔	ungrateful
respectful	↔	dishonoring
compassionate	↔	callous
merciful	↔	judgmental
moral	↔	immoral
godly	↔	worldly

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and in the spiritual
realm, than we can
ever imagine.

John 6:63b MEV

“The words that I speak to you are spirit and are life.”

Proverbs 18:21 CSB

Death and life are in the power of the tongue....

With their
mouths the
godless destroy
their neighbors....

Proverbs 11:9a NIV

The words of
the reckless pierce
like swords....

Proverbs 12:18a NIV

...a perverse
tongue crushes
the spirit.

Proverbs 15:4b NIV

Proverbs 18:21 CSB

Death and life are in the power of the tongue....

...the tongue
of the wise
brings healing.

Proverbs 12:18b NIV

Those who guard
their lips preserve
their lives....

Proverbs 13:3a NIV

A wholesome
tongue is a
tree of life....

Proverbs 15:4a MEV

Proverbs 18:21 CSB

Death and life are in the power of the tongue....

With the tongue
we bless our Lord and
Father, and with it we
curse people who are made
in God's likeness. ¹⁰ Blessing
and cursing come out
of the same mouth.

James 3:9-10a CSB

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What we say, and how we say it, matters... eternally.

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Paul would admonish
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Let your speech
always be with
grace, seasoned
with salt....

Is it any wonder
James would warn
us in James 1:19?

Everyone should
be quick to listen,
slow to speak, and
slow to anger....