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Why is speech important

- Speech is used for communication
- Communication and language has been confused – Genesis 11:6-7
- As a follow of Christ we are to be examples
- This is examples in how we speak and conduct ourselves
- We are to be lights into a dark world - Matthew 5:13
- If we are not exemplifying Christ, then what purpose do we serve?
- We have an opportunity to build up or break down
- Speech isn't something Jesus talked about much but rather modeled for us

Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks

Matthew 12:33 - 37, Luke 6:43-45

- What you say speaks to what you feel
- We say things we regret but they come from somewhere
- Our tongue says what our heart knows
- There is also a impact and accountability of our words – Matthew 12:37
- We will give an account for the words/lies that we have spoken – Matthew 12:36
- For the liar, they will give an account for what they have said

What comes out will defile a man

Matthew 15:11

- You can hold things to yourself and be just fine
- Its when words slip out that you get yourself in trouble
- Its not the actions of others that defile you but your own actions that condemn yourself
- James says that your tongue is like a rudder on a ship
- Your words can direct a conversation
- They can build people up or tear them down

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What are ways Jesus modeled this

Jesus has authority – John 7:16-24

Jesus was direct and didn't sugar coat anything – John 8:44-45

Jesus was relatable, using parables – Matthew 25:14-30, Luke 10:29-37

Jesus was a teacher – John 1:38, John 13:13

Jesus used his words to edify others

Jesus's words will filled with compassion – Matthew 15:32, Matthew 9:36

Other verses

Speak the truth in love - Ephesians 4:15-16

Building others up - Ephesians 4:29

Taming the tongue – James 3:1-12

Seasoned with salt – Colossians 4:6

Abstain from foolish talking – Ephesians 5:4

Slow to speak – James 1:19

Gentle with words – Proverbs 15:1-2

We are exemplifying Christ – Titus 2:7-8

For Further Study

2 Timothy 2:16, Colossians 3:8, Psalm 141:3, Proverbs 15:4, Proverbs 21:23, James 1:26, Proverbs 17:28, Proverbs 11:9, 1 Peter 3:10-12, Titus 3:2, Proverbs 18:21, 1 Peter 3:9, 1 John 3:18 and Psalm 19:14