



## **SPEECH THAT GLORIFIES GOD AND YOUR CHRISTIAN HEART!**

### **(Slide #2) Introduction:**

- A. (▶) Our Culture Is Becoming More And More Of A Cesspool!
  - 1. Lying is just an accepted norm by so many.
  - 2. Cursing and vulgarity are pervasive and putrid!
  - 3. Venom toward anyone with whom you disagree is spewed!
  - 4. Suggestive comments, sexual innuendo, and depraved come-ons [sexual advances]!
  
- B. (▶) Many Of Us Have Been Raised Around, Or Been In School Or Work Around, Or Participated In Speech That Is Worldly And Totally Incompatible With Christian Values!
  
- C. (▶) In This Sermon I Am Calling Upon All Of Us Who Are Christians To Examine Our Hearts, Our Words, And Our Actions!

### **I. (Slide #3) God Has Called Christians To Be Different, Holy, And Honorable!**

- A. (Slide #4) God's People Should Long To Be Pure In Heart And Action!
  - 1. Ps. 19:14 "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer."
  - 2. That is true of ALL Christians -- mature men and women AND young Christians!
    - a. Young men -- Tit. 2:8 "sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you."
    - b. God's people, young and old are to show their faith, their purity, and their holiness by their hearts and their speech!

B. **(Slide #5)** Converted Christians Must Live As Converted People; They Must NEVER Seek To Return Backward To A Former Sinful Life.

1. Eph. 5:1-5 “Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. <sup>3</sup>But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; <sup>4</sup>neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. <sup>5</sup>For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.”
  - a. Imitate your Father!
  - b. Imitate Christ -- be a “sweet-smelling aroma” -- a pleasing sacrifice to Him!
  - c. Avoid sin like the plague!
  - d. Know that you can NEVER inherit Heaven if you live like the world!
2. Eph. 4:22-24 “that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, <sup>23</sup>and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, <sup>24</sup>and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”
3. Js. 3:9-12 “With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. <sup>10</sup>Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring send forth fresh *water* and bitter from the same opening? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.”

C. **(Slide #6)** Guard Your Heart -- It Is The Source Of Every Word And Deed!

1. Some in Jesus’ day put GREAT emphasis on what people ate but put LITTLE emphasis upon their heart and what came out of their mouth. Jesus said to them: “because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, *thus* purifying all foods?” <sup>20</sup>And He said, ‘What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. <sup>21</sup>For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, <sup>22</sup>thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within and defile a man.’” Mk. 7:19-23
2. Others were paranoid germophobes and ritualistic religionists! Jesus said to them, “Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? <sup>18</sup>But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. <sup>20</sup>These are *the things* which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.” Mt. 15:17-20

- D. **(Slide #7) God Has Warned Us Of The Power Of Our Words!**
1. “Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.” Pr. 18:21
    - a. With our tongues we can bless others.
    - b. By our speech we can destroy others!
  2. Our speech can destroy our relationship with God!
    - a. “For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” Mt. 12:37
    - b. “If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion *is* useless.” Js. 1:26.
- E. In The Rest Of This Lesson -- Speech That God Wants -- Speech That Glorifies God And Your Christian Heart!

**I. (Slide #8) Wise Words Instead Of Foolishness!**

- A. Scriptural Calls:
1. Pr. 15:2 “The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.”
  2. “The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, But the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.” Pr. 15:14
  3. “The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, But the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.” Pr. 15:28
  4. “Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from troubles.” Pr. 21:23
- B. Know God’s Word, Glorify It And Speak It!
- C. NEVER Promote Lifestyles, Ideas, Or Doctrines That Oppose God’s Will -- That Is Erroneous Foolishness!
- D. Even Be Careful About Humor -- Some Humor May Be Acceptable; However, It Can Be Very Hurtful, Spiteful, Malicious, And Vindictive.

## II. (Slide #9) Truth Instead Of Lying And Dishonesty!

### A. Scriptures:

1. “An ungodly man digs up evil, And *it is* on his lips like a burning fire. <sup>28</sup>A perverse man sows strife, And a whisperer separates the best of friends.” Pr. 16:27,28
2. Eph. 4:25-27 “Therefore, putting away lying, ‘*Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,*’ for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>*Be angry, and do not sin*’: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, <sup>27</sup>nor give place to the devil.”

### B. (Slide #10) Oh The Web Of Trouble Lies Weaves!

1. Satan’s lie to Eve brought her separation from God, heartache in life, and physical death upon the human race! Gen. 3
2. Ask Ananias and Sapphira -- it resulted in their deaths! Ac. 5:1-10
3. Peter in denying that he knew Jesus followed by his agonizing guilt! Mt. 26:26-75

### C. Those Who Lie Have To Tell More Lies To Cover Up Their Previous Lies; Those Who Tell The Truth Do Not Have To Backtrack Or To Cover Their Tracks!

## III. (Slide #11) Pure Words Instead Of Cursing!

### A. Col. 3:8 “But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.”

### B. Ex. 20:7 “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain.”

### C. Col. 3:8-10 “But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,”

### D. Cursing, Off-Color Words, Using God’s Name In Vain Are All Examples Of Speech That Dishonors God And Reveals An Ungodly Heart!

#### IV. (Slide #12) Edification Instead Of Dissension And Destruction!

##### A. Scriptures:

1. Eph. 4:29 “Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.”
2. “A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold In settings of silver.” Pr. 25:11. [“Fitly” -- “aptly”]
3. “A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.” Pr. 15:1 [“Soft” -- “Gentle”]
4. Col. 4:6 “*Let* your speech always *be* with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.”
5. Eph. 4:15 “but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ.”

##### B. Unfortunately Words Often Become Very Sharp, Very Curt, And Very Harsh.

##### C. Christians Who Talk About The Lord And The Bible In A Contentious, Argumentative, And Hateful Way Often Do More Harm, Cause More Ill Will, And Drive People AWAY From The Lord And His Church Instead Of Drawing Them To Him And His Body!

##### D. God Tells Us That Those Who Cause Dissension -- They Cannot Inherit The Kingdom Of God!

1. “idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,” Gal. 5:20
2. “those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.” Gal. 5:21

##### E. We Should Strive To Use Our Words In A Way That Shows Kindness, Gentleness, And Love!

**V. (Slide #13) Peace And Respect Instead Of Harassment, Intimidation, And Bullying.**

A. Harassment, Intimidation, And Bullying Have Become The Norm In How Many Young People Treat Each Other, How Bosses Treat Employees, And How People Interact With Others!

B. Scriptures:

1. “Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death, <sup>19</sup>*Is the man who deceives his neighbor, And says, ‘I was only joking!’*” Pr. 26:18,19
2. Lev. 19:18 “You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I *am* the LORD.”
3. Pr. 14:16 “A wise *man* fears and departs from evil, But a fool rages and is self-confident.”
4. Pr. 16:29,30 “A violent man entices his neighbor, And leads him in a way *that is* not good. <sup>30</sup>He winks his eye to devise perverse things; He purses his lips *and* brings about evil.”
5. Mt. 7:15 In the “Golden Rule” Jesus taught: “Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”

C. God Called His People To Treat Others With Respect:

1. Rom. 12:10 “*Be* kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;”
2. Phil. 2:3 “*Let* nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.”

D. And Read The Scripture And See How God’s Anger Is Kindled Toward Those In Power Who Mistreat Those Under Their Authority, And To Those Who Mistreat Widows, Orphans, And The Weak.

E. **(Slide #14)** Sadly, Bullying Occurs At All Ages -- Small Children, School Children, Teens, Adults, And In The Workplace!

## VI. (Slide #15) Respect Rather Than Risqué Advances!

- A. Men In The World Frequently Disrespect Women Through Suggestive Comments, Sexual Innuendo, And Depraved Come-Ons [Sexual Advances]!
  - 1. In the last few months, this kind of disrespect has been highlighted in the media.
  - 2. And those whose words are vile tend to not stop there -- look at the sexual attacks upon women across the spectrum of society!
  
- B. Sadly Some Christian Men Make Comments Toward And About Women That Exhibit Unholy Intentions! SHAME!!!!
  
- C. Godly Men Must See Women As Those Made In The Image Of God, Not Just As Sexual Objects.
  
- D. God's Advice:
  - 1. Men, protect your heart!
    - a. I Ti. 5:1,2 "Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort *him* as a father, younger men as brothers, <sup>2</sup>older women as mothers, younger as sisters, with all purity."
    - b. I Thess. 4:3-8 "For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup>that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, <sup>5</sup>not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; <sup>6</sup>that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. <sup>7</sup>For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. <sup>8</sup>Therefore he who rejects *this* does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit."
  - 2. Women can also be risqué!
    - a. Solomon cautioned his son over and over about the danger of immoral women! Pr. 7:21 "With her enticing speech she caused him to yield, With her flattering lips she seduced him."
    - b. Women are encouraged to be holy in their dress. I Ti. 2:9 "in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,"

3. And Jesus cautions us all about keeping our heart pure!
  - a. Mt. 5:27,28 “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘*You shall not commit adultery.*’<sup>28</sup> But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”
  - b. I realize that this is directed toward men; it is also true for women who have lust in their hearts!
  
- E. Christians Protect Your Heart! NEVER Be Such Vile People Who Cause So Much Pain To Those Who Are The Victims Of Such Mistreatment!

**(Slide #16) Conclusion:**

- A. May We Be Driven To Cultivate The Heart That David Exalted: “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.” Ps. 19:14
  
- B. May Our Hearts And Our Speech Be Pleasing To God! Pr. 15:26 “The thoughts of the wicked *are* an abomination to the LORD, But *the words* of the pure *are* pleasant.”
  
- C. And Remember -- Our Lives Are SO MUCH MORE THAN OUR WORDS -- Our Words Reveal Our TRUE Hearts!
  
- D. What DOES Your Speech Reveal About Your Heart?