



Calvary
Baptist Church

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Home Worship Guide

The Power of Our Words

Our words are easy to use and abuse. We say things we don't mean, and we also mean things we don't say. Sometimes we should use temperance to say less, while other times we should practice boldness to say more. We'll take a look this week at the power our words wield.

WELCOME

Why should we do a family devotional?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. Scripture expects parents to be the primary disciplers of their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

How to use this devotional:

This is simply a resource for you to use however works best for your family! Each day there is a selected Scripture reading, devotional, discussion questions, a prayer prompt, and a song to sing together. You may consider splitting parts and having one family member read the Scripture while another reads the devotional and another leads the prayer. Feel free to read additional Scripture as you call to mind passages that relate to what was read. Sing more hymns and songs with your family than the one provided if you feel led to. Use this guide in whatever way helps you and your family draw nearer to the Lord together.

PAST WORSHIP GUIDES

Are you just now learning about these worship guides? Or maybe you were traveling and missed a week. Don't worry! These worship guides are written in a way so that they can be used for years to come.

All of our past worship guides are available on our website. Feel free to scroll and find the one that works for you and your family. The dates simply help you know when they were written, it doesn't mean you only have to read them the week that they were published!

Find those worship guides here:



<https://www.calvaryleavenworth.com/homeworship>

MONDAY

Tongue of Death and Life

Read: Proverbs 18:20-21, 12:18

Proverbs 18:20-21 speaks of this figurative man who speaks. Maybe he speaks too much? Maybe he listens too little? We don't quite know as Proverbs can be difficult to understand and interpret. What's certain is a person's words can be positive and uplifting. Our words have the power to change the trajectory of someone's day. This is why it is important that we be careful what we say and how we say it, because our words can bring life. But our words don't just bring life, they can also bring death. That is to say that our words can also be negativity and bring despair to the hearers. If we are careless with our words, we can actually bring about death. In our words, we must bring glory to God. Our words have the power to change the way someone's day or life is going. Take great care to speak life into the lives of others. This is how we honor our Triune God. We have a message of hope and truth found in Jesus that will always bring life to those who hear it. For how will they hear it unless someone shares it?

We have another proverb teaching us the power of our words. When we speak in a rushed and unthinking way, our words can cut like a sword thrust. This is vivid imagery, as a sword thrust, when making connection with the body, would many times be deadly. The same tongue that speaks these words can also bring healing rather than death. These healing words only come from the tongue of a wise person. How do you find wisdom? You ask for it, as we see in James 1:5, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given."

Discussion Questions:

What do you think it means that words can bring "life" or "death"? Can you give examples of each?

Pray

Pray that God would give you wisdom and words to speak that bring life.

Sing

*Yet Not I but
Through Christ in Me*

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer
There is no more for Heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

Chorus:

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior, He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future's sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

Ending:

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me



TUESDAY

The Great Tongue

Read: James 3:1-12

Although it is a small part of our body, our tongue wields a great power. Our words most often define us. We even say things like, “My word is my bond.” This phrase brings to bear our trustworthiness as a person and speaks to our very character. Our inability to take control of the tongue reveals our diction and sinful nature by saying things that wound others or bring dishonor on ourselves or God. It is the same tongue that shows our maturity in the Lord by saying things that heal and bring glory and honor to God. Controlling our tongues also provides evidence that we can bridle our own personalities. There is a lot to glorify God for in how He made you a unique individual. However, our own sinfulness can pervert who God made to glorify Him. The person who controls what they say and do not say is able to keep his whole body in check. Be someone who brings glory to God by what you allow to come out of your mouth. Is what you say, at all times, something honoring the Lord?

The average horse weighs somewhere between 900 and 1,200 lbs. That’s a big beast! Imagine putting a 5 inch piece of metal in its mouth to control that big beast. The small bit can fit in the palm of your hand and controls how fast or slow the horse goes. It controls whether it goes to the left or the right. This is the power of the tongue. The tongue controls whether you make good decisions or bad ones. It directs whether you direct your life toward giving God glory or bringing dishonor on Him through your sinful words.

Discussion Question

Why do you think our words are such a clear reflection of our inner nature?

Pray

Pray God would give you the spiritual maturity to honor God through your words.

Sing

Run and Run

RUN AND RUN

Run and run the law demands
But gives me neither feet nor hands
Better news, the gospel brings
It bids me fly, it gives me wings

Bearing shame and all my sin
There in my place He stood condemned
Here I stand now justified
My guilt is His, His grace is mine

Chorus:

Praise the Lord
Oh, my soul, praise the Lord
Now and forevermore my heart confess
Christ is all my righteousness
Christ is all my righteousness

My accuser, he may roar
Of countless sins that I have done
These I know and thousands more
Behold, my God, He knows not one

When I stand before the throne
There dressed in beauty not my own
Then, Lord, shall I fully know
Not til that day how much I owe



WEDNESDAY

The Day of Judgment

Read: Matthew 12:36-37

The day of judgment is coming. Today's text says our words will be our defense of our justification or the incriminating evidence for our condemnation. We have been speaking since we were toddlers. Words are so easy to form and produce. Consequently, we forget the power of our words. They have potential to build people up, encourage others toward action glorifying God, and advance God's kingdom. They can also tear people down, attack God's kingdom and God's people, and destroy our reputation as well as the reputation of God and His people. Our words must be used with care, because careless use of words is like a child wielding a weapon. Every person who speaks will be held responsible for what they say on the day of judgment. Take care you use your words responsibly for God's glory.

When you open your mouth to speak, it reveals what is in the depths of your heart. It may be good and it may be evil. My mother used to tell me when I was a child, "Watch your mouth!" This is good advice with rich theology dripping from every word. We must watch our mouths to make sure what we say is something that brings glory and honor to God. To have God honoring words of worship naturally come from our mouths, we must have hearts of worship that fill up with unbridled joy for Jesus as we live for Him.

Discussion Question:

Why do you think something as simple as words carries such eternal significance?

Pray

Pray God would give you a heart of worship producing words of worship.

Sing

*Praise to the Lord
the Almighty*

PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy
health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Sing now in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all
things so wondrously reigneth,
Who, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifteth, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee,
Who from the heavens the streams of
His mercy doth send thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that
is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come
now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.



THURSDAY

Season Your Words

Read: Colossians 4:6, Prov. 21:23

I'm from the South. I love a savory meal. Some fried fish, some hush puppies, and some onion rings are a few of my favorite delicacies in my life. Each of these delicious treats have something in common! They're all seasoned well. A meal that is seasoned well is a delight to have and we enjoy it thoroughly. Paul tells us that our food is not the only thing we should season well in Colossians 4:6. We are also to season our words with grace and salt. We do this to respond well when there is a tough theological question asked of us. This way we can answer in a glorifying way to God through our words of grace and thoughtfulness. We can convey the mystery of Christ: it is by His death we are justified and through His resurrection we have life. Your words, seasoned with grace and salt, have the power to communicate such powerful truths as these. Isn't it wonderful we have the ability to so easily communicate such beautiful truths?

On the other end of the spectrum, we have a warning from Proverbs 21:23. We can also season our words with other things like vinegar and cruelty. It is when we season our words in this way that we find ourselves in hot water with others. This way of speaking will ruin relationships and destroy reputations. And even worse, speaking this way dishonors God. We must be sure to season our speech well, but we must be careful of what we season our speech with. Do you season your speech with what dishonors God or reveals the mystery of Christ?

Discussion Questions:

What does it look like to season your speech with grace and salt?

Pray

Pray God would guide the seasoning of your words to glorify Him.

Sing

His Glory and My Good

HIS GLORY AND MY GOOD

I have seen my Father's glory
Revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him
The more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty
When I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward
For His glory and my good

There is hope in every trial
For I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him
And help me bear the thorn
So in faith I follow Jesus
On the road not understood
For I know that He is working
For His glory and my good

Chorus:

To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone, the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know
His glory is my good

See the open arms of Jesus
Upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness
Deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me
It was nailed into the wood
Yes I know that He has saved me
For His glory and my good



Would I gladly be made nothing
That Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom
That far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father
Where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good

FRIDAY

Confession

Read: Romans 10:9-10

When we think about the word “confess,” we might think about confessing to something in a court of law or confessing we’ve done something wrong. In Romans 9, the idea of “confess” means something close to “agree.” We are to confess with our mouth “Jesus is Lord.” This is important because the entire book of Romans and the entire Bible comes down to this truth: if you confess with your mouth that “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. This is the power God has given our words. The words of our mouth echo the posture of our heart. And if confessing is agreement, by our own words we are in agreement with God on who Jesus truly is by the words of our mouth. The heart and the mouth are connected in verse 10 as we see the heart is what believes and is justified, and by the confession of one’s mouth is one saved.

You see that justification is listed alongside the confession of the mouth. When a person believes in their heart, they receive justification- they are in a right relationship with God. But there is a process married to this belief which is a public confession of faith in Jesus Christ, which saves them. These two processes must be present together, both the belief in Christ’s resurrection as well as a public confession of faith in Christ. The power of words is even a part of our salvation process. We must take care of what we say, due to the power of our words.

Discussion Questions:

Can you think of examples where someone’s words clearly showed what they truly believed or valued?

Pray

Praise God for his resurrection and saving power!

Sing

How Firm a Foundation

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?


Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.



A knight in full plate armor, including a helmet with a visor and a chainmail collar. The knight is holding a sword in their right hand and a shield in their left. The shield is blue with gold decorative elements, including a cross and stars. The background is a blurred outdoor setting.

**Put on the whole armor of God,
that you may be able to
stand against the
schemes of the devil.**

Ephesians 6:11

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8:30 & 11:00am

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10:00am

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“Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”

Mark 5:19

