

## Your Words Do Matter



The Truth is your words do matter.

- How we talk about people is like a \_\_\_\_\_ to our heart.
- Our words reveal the truth about our \_\_\_\_\_.

Three lessons about why our words matter:

Lesson 1= Your \_\_\_\_\_ is your biggest Tel.

### **Luke 6:43-45 New Living Translation**

"A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. A tree is identified by its fruit. Figs are never gathered from thornbushes, and grapes are not picked from bramble bushes. A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.

### **James 3:9-12 New Living Translation**

Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! Does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water? Does a fig tree produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs? No, and you can't draw fresh water from a salty spring.

Lesson 2 = Think twice about talking \_\_\_\_\_ behind someone's back.

### **Matthew 12:36-37 New Living Translation**

And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak. The words you say will either acquit you or condemn you."

### **James 4:11-12 New Living Translation**

Don't speak evil against each other, dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God's law. But your job is to obey the law, not to judge whether it applies to you. God alone, who gave the law, is the Judge. He alone has the power to save or to destroy. So what right do you have to judge your neighbor?

Lesson 3 = Don't let your mouth make you a \_\_\_\_\_

### **Matthew 5:33-37 New Living Translation**

"You have also heard that our ancestors were told, 'You must not break your vows; you must carry out the vows you make to the Lord.' But I say, do not make any vows! Do not say, 'By heaven!' because heaven is God's throne. And do not say, 'By the earth!' because the earth is his footstool. And do not say, 'By Jerusalem!' for Jerusalem is the city of the great King. Do not even say, 'By my head!' for you can't turn one hair white or black. Just say a simple, 'Yes, I will,' or 'No, I won't.' Anything beyond this is from the evil one.

### **James 5:12 New Living Translation**

But most of all, my brothers and sisters, never take an oath, by heaven or earth or anything else. Just say a simple yes or no, so that you will not sin and be condemned.

Why these lessons matter:

1. Your words "Tel" you and God the \_\_\_\_\_ of your heart.
2. You can't talk behind God's back about \_\_\_\_\_. He loves without Him noticing.
3. Your lies \_\_\_\_\_ the trust of those closest to you. The very people God calls you to reach.