



“Taming Your Tongue” part 3 Oct 8, 2023

- I. **Ephesians 4:29**
 - A. When you change your words, you change your life...
 1. Are your words edifying and full of grace?
 2. Are your words judgmental and pulling down?
 - B. Is it really that important?
 1. **Matthew 12:36** “Every idle word...”
 2. **Matthew 5:37** “Let your yes be yes and your no be no; anything more than that comes of evil.”
 3. **I Thessalonians 4:11** “Study to be quiet.” (It takes effort to speak differently; it takes effort to keep quiet and mind your own business!).
 4. **Proverbs 17:28** “Even a fool when he holds his peace is counted wise...”

- II. By your words you will be justified (set free) or condemned (placed in bondage)
 - A. Judge Not...
 1. **Matthew 7:1-2**
 - The measure you meet – the law of sowing and reaping.
 - What you dish out will come back to you!
 - Are your words judgmental in nature; are they critical, full of impatience and anger? (Satan takes advantage of ill-spoken words to bring judgment into your life....Don’t be ignorant of his devices...Give him no place...in your words!)
 2. **Luke 6:37**
 - B. Authority in Words
 1. **Matthew 8:5-10**
 - Speak the Word only...
 - Why did Jesus marvel? Answer: The centurion understood the authority in the spoken word!
 2. Calling things that be not... (**Romans 4:17**).
 - If it was important to Jesus, it should be important to you!
 - “The damsel is not dead...”, “Lazarus sleeps, but I go to wake him out of sleep.” – Death was not a part of His vocabulary... it shouldn’t be a part of yours.