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Weighing Our Words

Matthew 12:36-37 – (36) “I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless (*unproductive*) word they speak, (37) for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

Tell-Tale Tongue

James 3:2-10 – (2) “For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. (3) If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. (4) Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. (5) So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! (6) And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. (7) ...It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. (9) With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. (10) From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.”

Verbal Violations

Psalm 50:19-21 – (19) “You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit. (20) You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother’s son. (21) These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.”

James 5:9 – “Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.”

Key Point: Speak-less, Pay-less on Judgment Day
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Response:

(1) Vent Vertically

“I said, ‘I will guard my ways, that I may not sin with my tongue; I will guard my mouth with a muzzle, so long as the wicked are in my presence. I was mute and silent; I held my peace to no avail, and my distress grew worse. My heart became hot within me. As I mused, the fire burned; then I spoke with my tongue: ‘O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!’” (Psalm 39:1-4)

(2) Muzzle the Mouth

“Then Job answered the LORD and said: ‘Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth. I have spoken once, and I will not answer; twice, but I will proceed no further.’” (Job 40:3-5)

(3) Preclude Presumption

“After the LORD had spoken these words to Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite: ‘My anger burns against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.’” (Job 42:7)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

How am I impacting my world with my words? (Prov. 10:31, 12:6, 12:18-19, 15:1)

Am I sowing life or ruin for myself? (Prov. 13:3; Matthew 12:37)

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What we will be judged for:

Our Words – 12/4/11

Return on Investment

Luke 19:11-27 – (11) “As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. (12) He said therefore, ‘A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return.

(13) Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Engage in business until I come.’

(14) But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’

(15) When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business. (16) The first came before him, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.’ (17) And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.’ (18) And the second came, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made five minas.’ (19) And he said to him, ‘And you are to be over five cities.’ (20) Then another came, saying, ‘Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; (21) for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.’ (22) He said to him, ‘I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? (23) Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?’ (24) And he said to those who stood by, ‘Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.’ (25) And they said to him, ‘Lord, he has ten minas!’ (26) ‘I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

(27) But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.’”

Key Point: My ROI will be Considered on Judgment Day

Reprioritize

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 – (14) “For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; (15) and he died for all, *that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.*”

Relish Recompense

Psalm 116:12-14 – (12) “What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me? (13) I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, (14) I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.”

Release Resources

John 6:5-11 – (5) “Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?’ (6) He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. (7) Philip answered him, ‘Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.’ (8) One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, (9) ‘There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?’ (10) Jesus said, ‘Have the people sit down.’ Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. (11) Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted.”

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Is it in my heart to recompense the Lord?

Do I realize that God has given me abilities to be used to profit His Kingdom? (1 Cor. 12:4-7; 1 Peter 4:10-11)

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What we will be judged for:

Our Words – 12/4/11; Our Return on Investment – 12/11/11

The Love Factor

Galatians 5:6, 13 – (6) “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, *but only faith working through love...* (13) For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, *but through love serve one another.*”

Broken Faith

Deuteronomy 32:51-52 – (51) “because you broke faith with me in the midst of the people of Israel at the waters of Meribah-kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin, and because you did not treat me as holy in the midst of the people of Israel. (52) For you shall see the land before you, but you shall not go there, into the land that I am giving to the people of Israel.”

Obligatory Niceness

Malachi 2:6-10 – (6) “True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity. (7) For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. (8) But you have turned aside from the way. You have caused many to stumble by your instruction. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts, (9) and so I make you despised and abased before all the people, inasmuch as you do not keep my ways but show partiality in your instruction. (10) Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why then are we faithless (treacherous) to one another, profaning the covenant of our fathers?”

Closer to Home

Malachi 2:13-16 – (13) “And this second thing you do. You cover the LORD’s altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. (14) But you say, ‘Why does he not?’ Because the LORD was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to

whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. (15) Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth. (16) For the man who does not love his wife, but divorces her (*who hates and divorces*), says the LORD, the God of Israel, covers his garment with violence, says the LORD of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless (*deal treacherously*).”

Key Point: How I treat others matters to God

Rendering requirements?

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

The Sine qua non* of Service? =

(1) “If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. (2) And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am *nothing*. (3) If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain *nothing*. (8) Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.” (1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 8)

*sine qua non – without which (*there is*) nothing; the indispensable feature, condition or ingredient

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Do I tend to treat people in a just and kind way?

Should the church get extra good treatment? (Gal. 6:10; 1 Pet. 2:17)

How should I treat my enemies? (Matt. 5:44; Rom. 12:20)