

Born with Identity
Part 18: Clear Speakers!
Slide Notations

Last week... Opened the topic of “words!” That God cares how we use them!

Christians create life or death w/them! Death and life are in the power of the tongue! **Pr18.21** An ungodly man digs up evil: and in his lips there is as a burning fire. **Pr16.27** The lips of the righteous feed many. **Pr10.21**

Christians don't lie! “Be not rash with your mouth and don't let your heart be hasty to utter a thing before God; let your words be few. A fool is known by a multitude of words. Don't allow your mouth to cause you to sin... **Ecc5.2-7**

Christians don't swear! **Eph 4.29-31** or continue in the lifestyle and speech of the unsaved... **5.3-7** Open connection to evil... **Mt5.37** Acting a role as a believer... **Jam 5.12** Inarticulate speech! **Mt12.36**

Isn't it inarticulate? To use the S-word when we don't mean poo! Not talking canines when we use the b-word/combination! The “other” b-word is always indelicate! Not offering ourselves or soliciting when we use the bomb! All the G-D's combo's are inarticulate – **BECAUSE GOD IS THE BLESSOR...**

Last week... Then we followed the trail all the way to the heart!

Out of the abundance of *the heart* the *mouth* speaks... **Mt12.34-37** *Keep your heart* with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life! Put away a self-willed, bullheaded, wayward *mouth* and perverse *lips!* **Pr4.23.24** Things that proceed from the *mouth* come out of *the heart* and defile a man! **Mt15.18,19**

To have speech that is clean (and clear) our hearts must be cleaned! Whatever is repressed, unchallenged, unresolved in our hearts will come out of our mouths... And if it comes out of a poisoned, imprisoned, heart, the tongue is going to be sharp, unkind, and destructive!

Coming out... Unresolved expectations; meanness, pessimism, doubt, coming out! Unresolved emotions; anger, bitterness, frustrations, coming out! People w/unresolved sexual issues; solicitation coming out! Unresolved covetousness; jealousy, possessiveness, coming out!

Whatever is unresolved is coming out when restraints are off/defile us! We must resolve all our issues of heart by submitting them to God for examination and purification... We may have to “bite our tongues” to keep from saying something destructive... but as quickly as we can, we get to the Heart Cleaner! And the only way to keep our hearts clean is to love the Lord *with all of it*, trying to hide nothing in any part of it!

Just like... The mouth that speaks without regard to life or death, without integrity, that opens to divulge perversity... Is tied to a heart problem...

So “Christianese,” a language for the fraternity, speaking to the exclusion of the uninitiated... Is tied to a heart disease...

It's not necessary to deal with the catch phrases we begin using as Christians but it is necessary to deal with the root problem... *turning away from the world by turning inward!*

It is so easy to forget why we were left here, who we were left for, and what they need most from us... clarity of speech (a heart issue) as we tell them the truth hidden in Christ!

Too quickly we take refuge in the “fellowship of the body...” too soon we want to close out the world...

Too easily we forget we had need of people with a vision of the mission!

Romans 10.14 How can they call on Him if they have not believed in Him? How will they believe in Him if they haven't heard of Him? And how will they hear about Him without a publicizer/crier?

Every good publicist knows you must be clear and quick, transmit a vision! A town crier must be clear, on the run!

Romans 12.3,16 (CMV) Don't think of yourselves more highly than you should (redeemed, not elite)... unite with your brothers, share the same mind, but don't go lofty, reach down to men who don't have a part of the estate... don't be conceited!

Too many believers get "high minded" Become no earthly good!

Ephesians 6.19,20 Pray for all the saints... with all prayer... and for me... that the things I have to say would be given to me so that I can open my mouth with boldness to make known the mystery of the gospel – that of it – I may speak boldly as I should!

God has given us the same clarity of words for others that He gave someone for us!

Colossians 4.3,4 Pray for "us" that God would open up opportunities to speak up about the mystery of Christ... so that we can make it clear, transparent, for all to see... *AS WE SHOULD!*

Everyone loves a good mystery! Especially when they "get" the story line at the end!

The Christianese we speak betrays the "holy huddle" heart condition of many Christ-ians!

And if we are really followers of Christ we must always be "into" what He is and never what He isn't!

What is He into? Honoring God with His whole existence! Delaying time of exclusive *fellowship* until after the era of *partnership*! The harvest! He is in love with people! People who will go in His name... Communicating the message of God's love as clear as possible to people of simple understanding!

When we...

Talk about God and His kingdom... Let's be clear, using words and illustrations people get! "Condescend..."

R12.16 Pray... Be clear, knowing our public prayers are for the "sake of those near..." **J11.41** Preach... Let us have a clear goal in sight! **R1.16**