



## YOUR WORDS ARE POWERFUL!

What God says about what you say

IN Favor video teaching series

### #2. "WHAT WE SAY REALLY MATTERS"

We can't say, "Oh, I was just talking," and it is not true that "... words can never harm me."

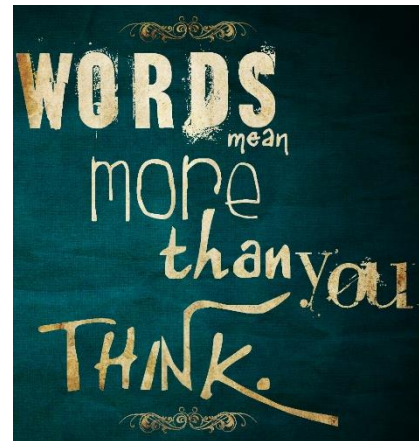
#### God will judge our words

*Jeremiah 9:7 Therefore this is what the LORD Almighty says: "See, I will refine and test them, for what else can I do because of the sin of my people?"<sup>8</sup> Their tongue is a deadly arrow; it speaks with deceit. With his mouth each speaks cordially to his neighbor, but in his heart he sets a trap for him.<sup>9</sup> Should I not punish them for this?" declares the LORD. "Should I not avenge myself on such a nation as this?"*

#### Our words will judge us

*Job 15:6 Your own mouth condemns you, not mine; your own lips testify against you.*

*Matthew 12:36 "And I say to you, that every careless word that men shall speak, they shall render account for it in the day of judgment."<sup>37</sup> "For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned." (NAS)*



#### THINK ABOUT IT ...

Talk is cheap, we say. But we express ourselves in words that reflect our thoughts, intentions, and personalities. The words we speak influence those who listen to us, and with these words we teach others. Therefore, we ... must know what to say, for Jesus said that "men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken" (Matthew 12:36) ... Let no one ever say that words are insignificant. Martin Luther's hymn "A Mighty Fortress is our God" mentions the prince of darkness, "Whose rage we can endure / For lo! his doom is sure / One little Word shall fell him." One word can alter the course of human history. For example, Jesus spoke the words *It is finished*, which in the Greek is only one word. Hendriksen, NTC

*A person's speech has an enormous influence for good or ill and is a sure guide to character ... The way in which believers speak should reflect their calling as Christians. Christian speech should be sincere, godly and honoring to God ... The sinfulness of fallen human nature can express itself in speech, provoking God's displeasure and causing enmity and division amongst people ... [The mouth] has great potential for good and evil.* DBT



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