

8. What does Jesus mean by the statement, “Make the tree bad and its fruit bad...”?

9. Jesus was telling the leaders to be consistent and don’t occupy the position (of leader) if you are not going to do what?

10. Jesus called these leaders what?

11. The leaders looked harmless, even beneficial when, in reality, they were what?

12. Why was it not a surprise that the leaders said what they did about Jesus?

13. What is in your heart comes out where?

14. Foul, filthy language is not merely a matter of habit, it’s a what?

15. Is it accurate to say, after we say something wrong, “I can’t believe I said that. That’s just not me”?

16. What is your heart really like?

17. The “good things” Jesus refers to in verse 35, in this context, is a reference to what?

18. In verse 36 Jesus is talking about what kinds of words?

19. Is your speech “idle and careless”?

20. In this context, Jesus’ words about speech is a reference to unbelievers who are what?

21. In Ephesians 4:29, the word “corrupt” literally means what?

22. As a believer, is your speech characterized by rotten speech?

23. According to Colossians 3:8, what are you to put off, out of your mouth?

24. Our speech should be what?

25. There’s a sense in which God won’t have to judge condemned men and women with His words because what will judge them?

26. It is possible that God will prove (demonstrate) if a person is deserving of eternal life or condemnation by doing what?

27. What does a person’s speech prove?

28. What do your words say about you? What does your speech reveal about the condition of your heart?

29. Does your speech indicate that you are a person who has been transformed by the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ?

30. Is your speech characterized by idle or careless words-words that reveal a lack of submission to and rebellion against God?

31. Does your speech reveal an utter disdain for God or, at the very least, an utter disregard for Him?

32. Do you take Him into account for anything you have to say?

33. Does your speech show that you are not a child of God?
34. How about you, child of God? How do you talk? What is your speech like? What kinds of words do you use?
35. Do you use corrupt words or good words?
36. Do you use rotten words or edifying words?
37. Do you tell off-color jokes, use vulgarity & profanity, tell dirty stories, or use crude speech or is your speech always with grace, seasoned as it were with salt?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

- 1) **Read Matthew 1:1-12:45**
- 2) **What is the "signs and wonders" movement?**
- 3) **What is the danger of always looking for miraculous signs for everything?**
- 4) **What does Jesus say about the generation of people who look for miraculous signs?**

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CONDEMNED BY YOUR OWN WORDS

Matthew 12:33-37

(Series #73)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "**Condemned By Your Own Words.**" All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. One of the saddest events in all of human history was when the leaders of the nation of Israel chose to do what?
2. Rather than seeing themselves as the stewards of God's people, the leaders of Israel saw themselves as the what?
3. Who was a threat to the power and positions and control that the leaders of Israel had?
4. The Jewish leaders tried to discredit Jesus by saying that He did what He did by whose power?
5. What did the leaders commit when they said that Jesus did what He did by Satan's power?
6. What did the Romans do to Israel in A.D. 70?
7. What often happens with the statement, "that for every idle work men speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment"?

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