

Quality Words Bring Fruitfulness – Bible Study Lesson

Matthew 12:33-36 (NASB)

33 “Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit.

34 You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.

35 The good man brings out of his good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings out of his evil treasure what is evil.

36 But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.

37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

When arriving at a valuation or a price for a particular thing, people examine many variables. The quality of the materials, the time, effort, the skill of the craftsmen, and the demand for the particular item are all factors that go into arriving at what we consider the **“QUALITY”** of an individual item. The same is true when we examine our words. The Bible says the quality of our words will determine if we’re **Justified - made free or Condemned - put into bondage**. Remember, our words always produce fruit. And **the day of judgment** is the day our words come to fruition. With this in mind, let’s examine: **Quality Words Bring Fruitfulness**.

Matthew 12:34 (AMP)

34 You offspring of vipers! How can you speak good things when you are evil (wicked)? For out of the fullness (the overflow, the [a]superabundance) of the heart the mouth speaks.

No one needs to guess what’s in your heart. They don’t even have to wonder how you feel. All they have to do is spend some time listening to you. If your thought patters are wicked (not necessarily evil) but twisted like wicker furniture, your conversation will reveal the position of your heart. If

the position of your heart aligns with the things of God, your speech will reveal it. Remember: **AS A MAN/WOMAN THINKS IN HIS/HER HEART, SO IS HE/SHE!!**

1. Quality words reveal the fruitfulness of our hearts.

Proverbs 15:23 (GNT)

23 What a joy it is to find just the right word for the right occasion!

Our personal happiness, and that of others is often influenced by the quality of our words. We all know someone who just seems to know how to say the right thing at the right time. Conversely, we also know someone who just has an uncanny ability to say the wrong thing. **WHETHER WE KNOW IT OR NOT, OUR WORDS ARE AFFECTING OUR ABILITY TO REMAIN HAPPY.**

2. Quality words bring fruitfulness to our relationships.

Proverbs 19:20 (NASB)

20 Listen to counsel and accept discipline, That you may be wise the rest of your days.

The words we allow others to speak into our lives are deciding the wisdom we contain. That's why no matter how much fun or how exciting it may be, we should never belong to a church that doesn't teach. Faith as well as doubt come from what we hear repeatedly. That's why we should limit our conversations with people whose beliefs contradict the Word of God. Their beliefs, although false can influence our speech. **WE ARE DECIDING WHAT YOU KNOW, BY THE PEOPLE WE LISTEN TO. TALKING TO FOOLS IS A WASTE OF TIME!!!**

3. Quality words bring fruitfulness through wise counsel.

Proverbs 11:9 (NASB)

9 With his mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor, But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.

The quality of our words quickly exposes envy and jealousy or admiration and respect. Often we know who our friends are. We usually know who our enemies are. However, our words reveal the **frienamies (enemies disguised as friends.)** If someone can never be happy for anyone else, or always has to bring out something negative (**calling it being honest**) there may be something in their heart that God needs to root out. **PART OF THE ROOTING OUT PROCESS IS REPLACING WHAT WE'VE BEEN SAYING, WITH THE WORD OF GOD.**

4. Quality Words bring fruitfulness to honor and dishonor.

Matthew 26:73 (NASB)

73 A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them; for even the way you talk gives you away."

Our words reveal whose presence we frequent. The time we've spent in God's presence will always effect our words. When someone has been in a smoky room, everybody knows it. When we've been around the wrong people, everyone can tell. Most importantly, when we've been with Jesus everybody knows it. **THE CHANGE IN OUR CONVERSATION IS NOT THE PRICE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. IT IS THE PRIVILEGE OF TALKING TO SOMEONE ON ANOTHER LEVEL.** Peter could say, "I don't know the man." But, his speech betrayed him. When you meet Jesus, you start to talk another way.

5. Quality words reveal the fruitfulness of our relationship with God.

The Bible says the quality of our words will determine if we're **Justified - made free or Condemned - put into bondage.** Remember, our words always produce fruit. And **the day of judgment** is the day our words come to fruition. Learning to control what we say will cause us to realize: **Quality Words Bring Fruitfulness.**