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Do you remember that show “Kids Say the Darndest Things?” That show was hilarious because kids say what they see or what they think. For example, I was asking my wife about my “thinning” spot on my head. I said, “Hon, do you think it’s getting worse.” My youngest son came over and said, “Dad, if it’s bald, how can it go thinner?” He doesn’t know I’m sensitive, my hair falling out, so he called it what it is. It’s bald.

Kids say many things without much harm because they are innocent with their words. Adults, not so much. Our words reveal what’s on our minds and also in our hearts.

Listen to why Paul says our words matter so much in Colossians 4:6 (NLT):

“Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.”

In case you forgot, yesterday we read that we should live wisely amongst unbelievers. We need to capitalize on each moment. We are to be a Christian in all areas of life. Our private life should be the same as our public life. Our behavior should be the same in front of believers and nonbelievers. So Paul continues by saying our words need to be consistent as well.

Paul says our conversation or words needs to be gracious and attractive. What Paul is saying is that our words need to be pure, truthful, full of mercy and grace. Our words should reflect that new nature in Christ.

Controlling our words is not natural. It takes the power of God. That’s why James said:

“Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way” (James 3:2).

Jesus said what comes out of our mouths exposes our hearts. So our words need to be intentionally Spirit-driven. But not only this, our words need to be so “so that you will have the right response for everyone.”

Well, what response? Response to what? It’s what 1 Peter 3:15-16 says:

“Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ.”

People are watching and listening. Sometimes with wrong motives but many times as observers to see what we believe and why we believe it. So our words need to be consistent with our new nature in Christ.

So this is my challenge for you: speak life into your world. In other words, re-season your words with grace. Chances are, because of the pandemic, politics, inflation, social media, or something else, your words have run wild. James said our words can be like a flame burning everyone and everything in its path.

We need the Spirit of God to reclaim our tongue to re-season it for God's Kingdom. So confess your mouth problems to God and ask Him to re-season it for good. And then go speak life into the people around you. Words are powerful, so let's use them to build up and not tear down.