

HOW IMPORTANT ARE OUR WORDS



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The words we speak are so important that I felt compelled to write this article to caution us to consider very carefully what we allow to come from our mouth. Our language and how we speak can produce positive or negative reactions to those who hear our words. Careful consideration of the talk we give must, especially in today's environment, be foremost on our mind. James 3:8 "But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." What are we saying to this generation that will uplift and produce goodness and righteousness?

Not only is the tongue an instrument of destruction but it can also be an instrument of value, health life and prosperity. Read carefully the following scriptures and ask yourself, "Am I using my tongue in this way?"

Proverbs 10:20 "The tongue of the just is as choice silver"

Proverbs 12:18 "The tongue of the wise is health"

Proverbs 15:4 "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life"

Proverbs 18:21 "Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."

In light of the scriptures, which I have shared above, these are what I would consider to be the most powerful words that we can say. Read carefully, and no doubt you may even think of other words which could be added to this list.

1. **I BELIEVE:** Mark 9:23 "Jesus said unto him, if thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." What do you believe? Who are you believing in that will assure you of an eternity in heaven? We must believe that Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation and the only one who can save us from our sin. I believe that if we the church will get ourselves in the right spiritual condition we can have another great awakening in our nation. I believe the Holy Spirit is ready to be poured out like a mighty flood across our land.
2. **I CARE:** Luke 10:33-35 "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, (34). And went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. (35). And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again I will repay thee." Do we really care about the lost, the hurting, the oppressed and the sinner enough to share the hope of redemption? If we don't share Jesus, who is going to care enough to tell this generation of the hope that is in Him.

3. **I FORGIVE:** Matthew 6:12 (NLT) “And forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.” Matthew 6:15 “But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Every one of us has experienced the need for forgiveness. You may even remember while reading this article of some deep hurt that happened in your past that you thought you would never be able to get over. You were betrayed or mistreated and the hurt was deep, but I want you to remember the real joy when you made the choice to forgive and the peace which filled your heart. Nothing is greater than to know we are forgiven and within us through Jesus is the power to forgive those who have done us wrong.
4. **I NEED:** Revelation 3:17 & 18 “Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: (18). I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see.” I need to see clearly through spiritual eyes what is going on today and help shine the light of the gospel in this darkness. Let your light shine so men and women will approach you and ask “What is this hope you have?”
5. **I SUBMIT:** I Peter 4:7 “Submit yourselves therefore to God, resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” Romans 8:29 (NLT) “For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.” Ephesians 5:21 “Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.” If there has ever been a time we need to exemplify submission to God, it is now. With the spirit of rebellion we are seeing on a daily basis the church needs to be the light shining brightly with the fruit of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. Whenever I pass an orchard and I see the ripe fruit on the branches I want to stop and pick whatever fruit there is and taste how delicious it is. May we as the people of God let the fruit of the Spirit be so inviting to those around us that they will want to taste and see that the Lord, He is good.

I will continue next month with this same subject and other important words we should speak.

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Exhorter License*

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Important Information

Due to the current Covid-19 situation our events that were scheduled for the Fall have been postponed. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. We look forward to when this is all over and we can get back to "normal".

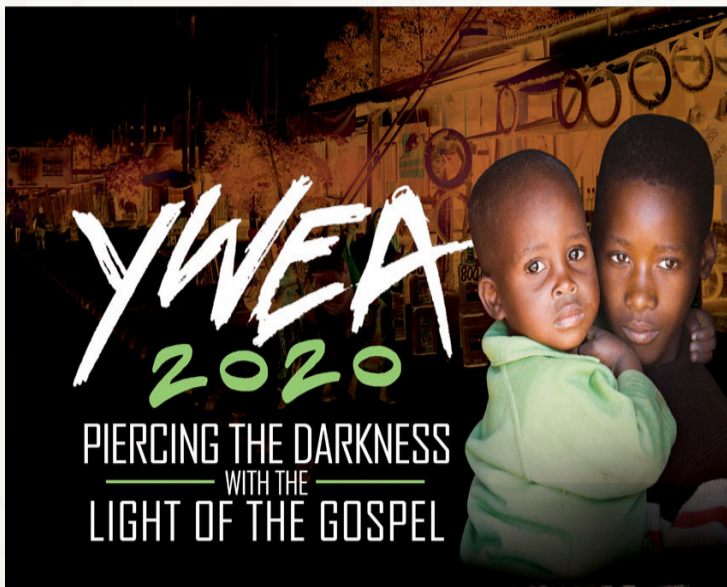
Those events include:

The Fall Gathering October 4-8, 2020

Kids Adventure Day October 10, 2020

Senior Adult Day October 10, 2020

The Not Quite Camp Fall Retreat October 16-18, 2020



Project # 020-8101

Women Working Together For Good

Women With a Mission is partnering with City of Refuge - a leader in business and social transformation - to offer a 12-month transitional home for women who have been sexually trafficked and their children. Join us as we embark on a mission to shine light into dark places, and empower hope so families can heal, thrive and reclaim their lives.



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and Website for updated information.**

Mountaineer Ministries Prayer Requests:

We as the Church of God State Office are praying for each Pastor, Pastor's Wife, Minister and Lay member, or attender of our churches, that God will provide and keep you and your families safe during this time.

Our country; Our President and State Leaders; Military; Health Care Professionals; Health and Wellness; Finances; Job; Marriage; Family; The Church; God's hand of protection; A miracle healing for Joshua; My health; Unsaved family, friends and neighbors; That I can walk better; My husband going thru physical therapy and his disability hearing; The Election; People causing problems in my family; Our children; My Pastor and Pastor's Wife; Church to resume; Grief from death of family members; To sale our property; Strength for my body; God to lead and guide me; A vaccine for Covid-19

Mountaineer Ministries Praise Reports:

My Pastor; Life starting to return to normal; For going back to church; Repair of our church; My Job; Souls saved; God protecting my children; Husband home from hospital; God always providing; Our Church; God's grace on our country; God healing my body; God's comforting presence that I feel; My Pastor; A Church on fire for Jesus; God's presence in my life everyday; My family; My Health; My Husband; My Church Youth Group; God saving my husband; God saving my children

Attention Women's Ministries

All projects will continue thru 2022

1. (WWAM) Women with a Mission - City of Refuge, House of Cherith
2. Covenant Sister - Meeting the needs of our sister in 15 states
3. New River Ranch Children's Home - Kitchen Necessities Refurbishment
4. SOS Special Operational Support Fund - Contribute \$3.00 per month for operational cost of WM at State Office

For more information on each of these projects please visit our website www.wvcog.com/womens-discipleship

Mark your Calendar

Please note that with the current Covid-19 situation these dates are tentative to change.

**October
December 4**

**ALL FALL EVENTS have been postponed
Minister and Spouse Christmas Dinner**