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What Fruit do You Enjoy?

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Did you know...that every word you speak has the power to give life and to encourage or discourage? Think about the words you choose; they can either have a positive or negative result. The words you use can love, uplift, and inspire people to achieve great things. However, your words can also bring fear, hatred, and even hopelessness to another person. Consider what Proverb 18:21 says, "The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit." James 3:8 tells us "But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of poison." Genesis 3:17 says "Because you (Adam) have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, You shall not eat of it." Judgment from Adam's disobedience brought extensive consequences and death to the human race. But note, it all started with the words he listened to. What words do you listen to? Why is this important? Because what I listen to will have influence on my actions, choices, and ongoing words. I suggest "that which most frequents the mind, controls the heart and soul." Ephesians 4:17-25 tells us that if I listen to futile thinking, it will darken my understanding and separate me from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in me. In fact, it says that I will become very insensitive, self-focused, immoral, and full of greed. It also urges me to I put off that old self so that the attitude of my mind can be made new. What it's really

saying is that as part of Adam's race, I need a heart change so that it changes what my mind listens to and thinks about. Luke 6:45 says that "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." So to define what is in my heart, I must define what my heart is listening to. Therefore, the tongue will represent the heart and what it has been listening to. This is why Jesus said that when He comes back, He will recognize each of us by our fruit which will be displayed in our words, actions, and attitudes. So what type of words do I speak that represent my heart? Are they soft, gentle, and kind? Are they believing, trusting, empowering and life-giving? Or do they have an edge? Are they dominant, argumentive, critical, negative, and discouraging? Ephesians 4:29 says, "Do

continued on the other side...



God did not
promise days
without pain,
Laughter without
sorrow
or sun without
rain.
But God did
promise
Strength for
the day,
Comfort for the
tears
and a Light for
the way.
And for all who
believe in His
kingdom above,
He answers
their faith with
everlasting love.



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not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.” How will you influence the person in your next conversation? I would like to bless you in being a life-giving person that gets to enjoy the fruit of your tongue for the glory of your creator. May Jesus fill your heart with life-giving words for those around you today.

Love Life, Praise the Life-Giver Today! ☺



Thank You

We, along with many others, were affected by the large amount of rain in February. Phone calls were made, pumps brought in and the water (approx 10 inches) started to subside. There were various men involved and we thank you for your help!

The staff did some initial cleanup etc. and then the following Tuesday, the executive board members came and removed/discarded damaged items.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another.
John 13:35

Current Need

We are in need of a Refrigerator / Freezer Combo for the ministry. If you have one that needs a home and is still in good working condition, please contact the office.

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