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What do you Value?

In my last article, I spoke about the tongue and asked the question, “What fruit do you enjoy?” The book of James tells us that the tongue can no man control. The reason for this is because the tongue is hardwired to our heart; therefore, Luke 6:45 says that “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.”

We can change the fruit of our tongue by changing our heart. So we can ask ourselves the question, “Where is my heart? Jesus said, “for where your treasure is there will your heart be also.” (Luke 12:34)

Where has your focus been? When we are focused on possessions, position, or personal goals then the tendency is to be focused on my rights and my needs rather than the physical and emotional needs of others.

Why does it matter where my focus is? If I am focused on possessions, position, or personal goals and my rights are interrupted or inconvenienced, I will be much more irritable and impatient. However, if I am focused on walking in the Spirit as Galatians 5:16 suggests, then I will be much more sensitive to the physical and emotional needs of others. To be patient, gentle and kind in speech and actions is a more ready fruit than when irritated, short, and speaking “at” our family members instead of speaking “to” them.

While attending Promise Keepers in 1996, I recall hearing a speaker state, “Success is having the people closest to me love and cherish me the most.” I believe this statement but it won’t easily occur if I habitually speak “at” my family members instead of respecting them as my closest friends and speak “to” them as tenderly and kind with respect as I would with my closest friends or church people. Life and death are still in the power of the tongue, fueled by the heart, fed by our focus.

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

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Upcoming Events

Grace Haven Banquet
Tuesday, September 11, 2018
Fairhaven Church
Goshen, IN

More information to be given closer to the banquet.
Mark your calendars!



Caring for the Heart
Annual Conference
November 4 - 8, 2018
Maple City Chapel - Goshen, IN

Each evening there will be general sessions which are free and open to the public. The workshops (Monday - Thursday afternoons) will be presented by various Caring for the Heart directors. Registration for the workshops and Thursday evening banquet will be done through the main CFTH office.

Registration begins Aug 1.

Additional details (cost, etc) will be in our August newsletter, website, and facebook page as the time approaches!

Please let your family and friends know of these events!

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