

9-6-20 Message Message
YOUR SPEECH WILL BETRAY YOU

Judges 12:1 And the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and went northward, and said unto Jephthah, Wherefore passedst thou over to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thine house upon thee with fire.

Judges 12:2 And Jephthah said unto them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, ye delivered me not out of their hands.

Judges 12:3 And when I saw that ye delivered me not, I put my life in my hands, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and the LORD delivered them into my hand: wherefore then are ye come up unto me this day, to fight against me?

Judges 12:4 Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim: and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim, because they said, Ye Gileadites are fugitives of Ephraim among the Ephraimites, and among the Manassites.

Judges 12:5 And the Gileadites took the passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it was so, that when those Ephraimites which were escaped said, Let me go over; that the men of Gilead said unto him, Art thou an Ephraimite? If he said, Nay;

Judges 12:6 Then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth: and he said Sibboleth: for he could not frame to pronounce it right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand.

Judges 12:7 And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in one of the cities of Gilead.

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Intro: Speech is one of the gifts given to man from God Himself. Even scientists are at a loss when they try to understand why it is that man alone, of all the creatures of the earth, have been given the gift of speech. There is no reason why many animals could not do the same thing. It is not because our vocal cords and lungs and tongue are unique and are different from all the other creatures. There is no reason why this is the case. It is not that other species lack in the mechanical apparatus to speak. Scientists then attribute our ability to speak to our superior mind, etc. I attribute it to our divine makeup by God Himself! Speech is a divine gift that makes us like God Himself!

Even birds have the ability to imitate sounds and integrate with their minds the ability to repeat words. But again they are just meaningless imitations of sound.

For instance, parrots have been known to speak and imitate speech, but they do not use it to communicate to humans or other parrots like we do.

There are aspects of a man's speech that are directly linked up to his spiritual being. There are aspects of our speech that we do not control with our minds alone.

How can you explain the confounding of the languages in Genesis 11:1-7. There are aspects of our speech that we do not control. Though we can control them, willfully for a short time we ultimately will conform to the natural patterns we grew up with.

As we get older, sometimes through mental deterioration our speech is affected, by a stroke, or Alzheimer's and other diseases. So there are many things that are beyond our control that effect our speech.

Sooner or later deep seated spiritual aspects of our speech will come out naturally.

Like the beating of your heart, certain things you cannot control.
Like breathing.
Like blinking eyes.
Like so many other functions of your being.

THERE ARE ASPECTS OF YOUR SPEECH THAT BETRAY THINGS ABOUT YOU.

- 1. YOUR SPEECH WILL BETRAY YOUR UP BRINGING.***
 - 2. YOUR SPEECH WILL BETRAY WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART.***
 - 3. YOUR SPEECH WILL BETRAY YOUR SPIRITUALITY.***
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- I. YOUR SPEECH WILL BETRAY YOUR UP-BRINGING.***

What is an accent???

An accent is a speech pattern learned by family and passed on through family, friends, and associates.

Birds learn to talk by virtue of their picking up patterns of speech much like we pick up an accent.

I was raised in Hazelton PA, in a highly ethnic area with close family ties. In fact many of the people where I lived were intermarried. There were three sister who all married relatives of my Grandfather and they all lived on the same street where I grew up. Our friends and cousins and associates were all close relatives. When you get in a

community like that of years and years of associations and social inter mingling, certain patterns of speech become characteristic of the community. The people and relatives of Hazelton back then had a unique accent. It is just what happens. It is much like a southern accent, or many other accents.

Then I moved to Levittown Pa, and the accent was different there. In fact when I first moved into that area my grade school teacher thought I had a speech impediment because I talked different. Speech is learned culturally, socially, and children just pick up these patterns, good or bad, or just different.

Our speech will betray where we are from.

When I went to Bible College my music professor Dr. Wilkes thought I had a south Jersey accent. My senior year when I felt God calling me to preach, he told me that if I was going to be a preacher I needed to do something about my south Jersey accent.

When our concert choir made a tour to a church in New Jersey as I went to one of the church families houses after the service for refreshments, a little kid came up to me while we were eating, and grabbed my suit coat and pulled on it and said, "Mister, mister are you Italian?" I said yes.. He said, "I could tell." I asked how can you tell, He said, "Because you have an accent.. "

So in the book of Judges a war broke out between the Gileadites and the Ephraimites, and the Ephraimites had an accent. They could not pronounce Shibboleth. They would pronounce it Sibboleth

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The Nazis could discern German Jews because of cultural accents, and verbal differences.

A persons speech will betray their family heritage.

You can't hide your family background very well because of speech patterns are learned and ingrained in you.

Now you take Barack Obama, he does not speak like a black man, and that was because he was not raised in the same communities that most black people were raised in. Just a fact. He may pretend to be black, but he did not grow up in a black neighborhood, and he went to mostly white schools.

Joe Biden called Obama the first "articulate" and "clean" black presidential candidate. Many unintentionally view Obama's diverse upbringing and educational background as factors that nullify his black heritage. Who is the real racist? Biden admitted he liked Obama because he acted like a white privileged man with black skin.

The truth is, his speech really betrays him as not really coming from a black ethnic background, or he like the Ephraimites, wouldn't have a certain accent. The Ephraimites could not hide it because they could not pronounce shibboleth. You can't hide your ethnic upbringing in your speech.

So our speech will expose our ethnic, background. That is true of Kamala Harris. Her speech tells you a lot about her upbringing. She is the daughter of an Indian immigrant mother and a Jamaican immigrant father. She has nothing in common with the typical black person that has their lineage going back to the slaves who came to this nation generations ago.

Our speech betrays our background.

You can't hide your cultural background it is engraved in your speech patterns.

Have you ever noticed when a phone solicitor calls you on the phone you can tell if they are African American by their accent? If Obama was a phone solicitor and he called you on the phone would you guess he was black? If Kamala Harris was a phone solicitor and called you on the phone would you think she was black? Why play the black card and not put people on your platform that are totally black?

Look, who are really the racist people in this country? Let me suggest to you they are the very people that are playing the race card, because they are putting people out there that have caucasian accents, but dark skin, are not really African Americans, but are half white and half black, and their black heritage does not even come from the USA. They never lived with African Americans, they can't really relate to African Americans, and in fact, where is Obama living right now? Obama Just Paid \$11.75 Million for a house in Martha's Vineyard, a predominantly white community. Why is he not living in Chicago, or Baltimore, etc? His speech betrays him.

All the democrat party cares about is getting the black vote. They really do not have a heart for the welfare of the black community, they are filled with hypocrisy. The candidates they pick to represent African Americans, their very speech betrays them for who they really are.

The point is that who you live with and where you were raised will be reflected in your speech. You can't hide that.

Now if you are a citizen of Heaven and Jesus lives in your heart, your speech will reflect that. Your speech will betray you. You can't hide it, even if you try. Peter tried to pretend but his speech betrayed him.

II. YOUR SPEECH BETRAYS YOUR HEART'S DESIRES AND PASSIONS:

Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

A man's mouth will betray what is in his heart.

A person can hold their breath or breath faster than normal or slower for a while. But ultimately they will have to surrender to the natural pattern that their bodies dictate.

This can only last for a short time, for sooner or later, he will go back to normal.

Sooner or later, what is in your heart will come out of your mouth.
GOOD OR BAD.

Quiet people are sometimes thought to be good hearted people, sometimes they are and sometimes they are not. I think quiet people are wise people,

Proverbs 17:28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.

Sometimes, when people open their mouths they expose that they are really bad hearted people.

EXAMPLES OF GOOD HEARTED PEOPLE:

Good hearted people will show forth good hearted speech.

Colossians 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

Colossians 4:6 Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

GOOD HEARTED PEOPLE HAVE:

Gracious speech.
Seasoned speech.
Charitable speech.
HELPFUL Speech.

A evil hearted person brings forth evil things:

Matthew 15:18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

Matthew 15:19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

Evil Thoughts:

Murders.

Adulteries.

Fornications.

Thefts.

False Witness.

Blasphemies.

I think the greatest exposure of an evil heart is the violation of the 3rd command. I immediately have no trust in a person who will take our Lord's name in vain. The abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

The 3rd commandment says,

Exodus 20:7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

What is the name of God?

Here are the terms we use for our creator, we use His name. What is His name?

His name is God.

His name is Jesus.

His name is Lord.

His name is Christ.

He has other names but these are the most prevalent.

When we pray, we pray to God, we could say, our dear God in Heaven.

We can say oh great God, Oh, merciful God.

But when we use the term, Oh My God, it better be in prayer and not as a matter of common expression or speech.

Same thing for Jesus, when we use the name Jesus, let us always use that name in prayer and no other way.

So too, when we use the name Lord, or when we use the name Christ, or Jesus Christ. It should only be used in prayer and devotion or in teaching or admonishing each other.

People use that name so flippantly in curse words that some people think whenever you use the name of Jesus you are taking using it as a curse.

Years ago when I was teaching a Daily Vacation Bible school when I was in Bible college, a young student raised their hand when I was teaching about Jesus, and the student said, Mr. Bissol, you should not say that word. I said, what word? She said "Jesus Christ", that is a bad word. The only time that little girl heard the name Jesus Christ was when she heard her parents cursing.

I was rebuking someone one time because they were teaching apostate doctrine, and I said to them that they were a disgrace to the Lord Jesus because of what they were teaching. I said, I have to rebuke you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. And this apostate said to me, don't curse at me. Again, people are so used to hearing people take the Lord's name in vain that people don't know how to use His name in a proper way.

I had a foreign missionary here one time and we were praying together, and I noticed that as he prayed he called on the name of the Lord with such passion. I remember his prayer went something like this, "Oh precious Jesus, oh my Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory I call on you Jesus, Oh Jesus hear my petition, I love you precious Jesus, etc, etc,.

After he was done praying I was impressed with how many times he call on the precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and then I thought to myself, this is why the devil wants people to use our Lord's name in vain and as a vulgarity. The power of prayer is wrapped up in that name.

The Bible says this,

I Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing. I believe that Satan must cringe every time he hears someone calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. So what does he do? He gets his people to use the name of the Lord Jesus Christ as a curse word.

Ephesians 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Philippians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

When we pray we pray in the name of the precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore we should constantly be speaking to Him in our heart, sharing thoughts and words of love and gratitude. In our hearts and minds we should be telling Him we love Him, and we should be in constant communion with Him. Night and day without ceasing.

How many times in a day we should talk to Him?

How many times in the day we should be praising Him?

When we are driving down the road.

When we are walking by the way.

When we are lying down, when we rise up, when we are working in our homes, or at our place of employment we should be calling on the name of the Lord.

We should be praying, Oh Jesus, help me in this endeavor, Lord be with me in that endeavor, Oh God in Heaven, lead me this day. Oh gracious father, prosper my way this day.

His name should be continually be in our hearts and on our lips.

Would we ever dare to use His name in vain! If you are praying to Him without ceasing you would cringe to do so, and you would not want to be around others who do so! Just as the devil cringes when he hears Christian's praying in the name of the Lord, we should cringe when people take our Lord's name in vain.

Your speech will betray you.

Just like when you were brought up in an ethnic community, so if you are a true Christian your association with Christ will become evident in your speech.

Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

There are filthy and corrupt words that Christians should not use.

What are these words, unclean words, words to describe uncleanness, and things that are filthy, vulgar. Today the world likes to use sexually explicative, randomly in their speech. These expressions should not be common for a Christian.

Our speech should be clean, pure, holy, We should avoid, vulgar, crude, harsh and abrasive speech. We should even avoid words that sound similar to curse words but are not.

Proverbs 25:11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

Colossians 4:6 Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

1Thess. 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

Don't even use questionable language or expressions of speech.

III. YOUR SPEECH WILL BETRAY YOUR SPIRITUALITY OR LACK OF IT.

Note what people said about our Lord's speech.

John 7:46 The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.

Matthew 7:28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:

Matthew 7:29 For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Christians, our speech should betray us as being spiritual.

Unsaved people can only talk about things of this world, but our speech should be spiritual and be about Heavenly things.

Even when Peter was out of the will of God his conscience pricked him when he started to speak and act like the world.

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PETER COULD NOT HIDE THAT HE HAD BEEN WITH JESUS:

Unsaved people, can't hide very long what they are:

Cursing, swearing, liars, reveal that they are liars.

When it is said, your speech bewrayeth you, it means that by the way you talk it divulges and betrays the fact that you were with Jesus.

A Christian will have the scent of Christ in their lives by the very way they speak. People can tell you are a Christian.

I notice, people who are into sports when the opportunity arises, will get into their sports lingo mode. People that are into guns, when they get around gun enthusiasts will open up with their gun jargon.

If you are a Christian when the opportunity arises, you will enter into a spiritual conversation with people. Your speech will show that you are a spiritual person.

I Peter 4:11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

God's word should be in our hearts and on our lips. He should in a good way betray who we are and what we are.

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Conclusion:

What can be said, about the way you talk?

Does your speech expose you as being a Christian, a spiritual leader?

Or does your speech show that you are carnal, worldly, and evil.

When I think of a Christian whose speech was always with grace I can only think of our dear brother Jack McKeeby who has gone home to be with the Lord. Never did he have a negative word to say about anyone. Always an encouragement. We have had some ladies that have gone home to be with the Lord that were also like that.

I can think of my old secretary Mary Warner, whose husband abandoned her for another woman, yet in all the years that I knew her she never had a negative thing to say about her ex husband or anyone for that matter. Another was Anna Jones, who suffered such difficulties in her life. Lived in a little trailer with little money, often no clean running water, yet I never heard a negative word out of her mouth.

Our speech exposes who we are, what we are, and what kind of spiritual life we really have. What does your speech tell others about you?

If there is no good thing that comes out of your mouth, maybe it is because there is no good thing that dwells in your heart.

The solution to the problem is simple, Invite Jesus into your heart, and then out of your mouth will proceed good things.

Before I was saved, I dwelled among some pretty rough characters, and that couldn't help but rub off on me. When I gave my heart to the Lord that all changed. I remember once after I was saved using some bad language and the Holy Spirit convicted me and that changed.

Some things I had to learn in time, that were just crude. I remember in chapel, one time I was talking to a friend of mine who was a mechanic, and used a crude expression about getting some work done on my car. My wife said, Frank, you shouldn't say that. I said what, my grandmother uses that expression it can't be bad. Then one day we were in a book store in the Poconos and the expression I used was written out on a plaque with an illustration and my wife said see I told you that is what that expression means.

Look, we are a product of our upbringing and some of our speech patterns are ingrained in us. As we grow in the Lord we need to change our speech to conform to Jesus Christ. Can people tell you have been with Jesus by the way you speak? This is what being a Christian should partially mean in your life.

Our speech and accent should not tell people we are from Hazleton, Levittown, Scranton, or Georgia, our speech should betray that we have been with and are in fellowship with Jesus! Is that the case in our life? I leave you with this thought:

2CO 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?