

Hunger For Truth

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Greetings

Hello dear reader and welcome to another issue of Hunger for Truth. The foliage is now at its peak here in New England. I just took a drive with a friend today before typing this and the colors were so vibrant and the red leaves reminded me of the precious blood of Christ that flowed at Calvary.

This new format will continue possibly for a few months. I hope it has been a blessing to you.

The HFT editor has faced a variety of trials since coming up here, but also many blessings. I covet your prayers that the Lord would give clear wisdom, guidance and direction for each step of my walk with Him.

This issue will focus mostly on speech and talk that honors the Lord Jesus Christ. I encourage each and every reader, myself included to examine how we speak and what we speak.

Please note that back issues of Hunger For Truth are viewable and printable at www.studytoanswer.net.

It is my desire that Hunger For Truth edifies, blesses and encourages you in your walk with the Lord.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this and for your prayers for me. I greatly appreciate your comments and I praise God for each and every one of you.

Proverbs 7:2 Matt. 5:6 John 8:32 II Timothy 3:16-17 Heb. 4:2

"Let us Hunger For Truth"

T.H.I.N.K.

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

By: Tim Green

My oldest son, Jordan, is a missionary to Mexico. When he was fourteen, in may of 1987, he suffered a stroke. He was paralyzed on his right side and could not speak. After seventeen months of hospitalization and therapy, he was left with some paralysis and a slight speech problem. His malady? He has to think before he talks! Maybe that isn't all that much of a problem! Or some of us could use a dose of the same thing!!

I believe it would do us all well if we would think before we spoke. It would make life easier for others and less harmful too. I hope we can all remember this little acrostic and perhaps put it into practice in our individual lives:

True: Is what we are saying true? If it isn't, maybe we shouldn't repeat it.

Helpful: What you are about to say maybe true, but is it productive? Does it help or hurt the cause of Christ or the reputation of someone.

Informative: Does it add information that is beneficial? Necessary: Does what you are about to say have to be said? Would it be better left unsaid? Kind: Is your communication kind?

Before you speak -- THINK about it! "That I may make it manifest as I ought to speak." (Coll. 4:4)

By: Tim Green

Every Idle Word

Matthew 12:36 "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

By: Craig G.

This verse is very convicting every time I read it! Just pause and think about it. Every word that comes out of our mouth will be judged! God means what He says and says what He means.

"The emphasis is on the word "idle". That is meaningless and useless jesting and frivolity, which have no connection at all with our spiritual life...we as children of God should be exceedingly solemn in these days, and not spend our time in useless jesting and joking which can only minister in the flesh, and have no bearing upon our spiritual life." (M.R. DeHaan)

We will ALL someday give account for every word that we have said, whether it be honoring or displeasing to the Lord.

This relates to jesting, sarcasm, anger, lewd conversation, foul language, etc. (*See T.H.I.N.K*). The Bible says that God knows are thought(s) afar off (<u>Ps. 139:2, Mt. 9:4, 12:25</u>). He knows what we think even before we say something or even if we don't say anything!

As believers are speech should be Christ honoring at all times (Ps. 19:14). It should further the cause of Christ and not hinder the cause of Christ. The Word of God is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart (Heb. 4:12) and the Bible will help us to speak humbly, kindly, in truth and in love with a desire to please Him!

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Memory Verse: Matthew 12:36 "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

How Godly is my Speech?

In this edition of C.F.C. I encourage you to stop and think and examine how you speak to those around you. When answering the questions base your answer on:

Is my speech honoring to the Lord? Are they kind, respectful, truthful, loving, pure words?

- 1. Read "T.H.I.N.K." and "Every Idle Word" on page 1 and Psalm 19:14
- 2. How do you talk to your parents?
- 3. How do you talk to your pastor(s)?_____
- 4. How do you talk to your teacher(s)?_____
- 5. How do you talk to your friends?
- 6. How do you talk to others in your church?

If you are struggling with speech that is foolish jesting, foul or lewd talk or other speech that displeases the Lord. Take time to pray and ask the Lord to forgive and help you.

Song of the Month

"Lead Me, Savior"

I came across this old hymn in a hymn book and felt led to use it in this issue. I personally have never sung knor heard it. I'd like to someday. The words are convicting of how much we need His leading and guidance.

Savior lead me lest I stray, gently lead me all the way. I am safe when by Thy side. I would in Thy love abide.

CHORUS: Lead me, lead me Savior lead me lest I stray; gently down the streams of time, lead me, Savior, all the way.

Thou the refuge of my soul, when life's stormy billows roll. I am safe when Thou art nigh. On Thy mercy I reply.

CHORUS: Lead me, lead me Savior lead me lest I stray; gently down the streams of time, lead me, Savior, all the way.

Savior lead me, till at last, when the storm of life is past, I shall reach the end-less day, where all tears are wiped away.

CHORUS: Lead me, lead me Savior lead me lest I stray; gently down the streams of time, lead me, Savior, all the way.

"Watch your thoughts, for they become words. Choose your words, for they become actions. Understand your actions, for they become habits. Study your habits, for they will become your character. Develop your character, for it becomes your destiny."

I want to wish each and every one of you a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving.

Quotes

"Have you given yourself to the sacrifice and worship of prayer?"

"A man who kneels before God can stand before anyone."

Stop and Think

"A true Christian is one who desires with the whole heart to follow Christ, obey Christ, hear and do His Word, deny self and give praise to God by grace through faith alone." -Anonymous

Prayer Requests

- Salvation of Gary and Susan
- Salvation of Tom, Lori, and Nick
- Salvation of my sister Wendy, nephew Jacob and aunt's Sybil and Bernice
- Unspoken requests for HFT editor and several others

Praises

- Praise God for the privilege of sowing the gospel seed.

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