

## Here I Am

### *The Impact of Our Words*

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*“Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.”*

**Matthew 6:21 NLT**

*“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field. Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!”*

**Matthew 13:44 – 46 NLT**

*“A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak.”* **Matthew 12:35 – 36 NLT**

**Thread:** Our words reveal what we carefully curate in the treasury of our heart.

*“Now the men of Israel were pressed to exhaustion that day, because Saul had placed them under an oath, saying, ‘Let a curse fall on anyone who eats before evening—before I have full revenge on my enemies...’”*

**1 Samuel 14:24 NLT**

**There is POWER in your words.**

- Power to Impact people for the kingdom of God
- Power to define you
- Power to trap you in commitments you don’t want to fulfill
- Power to bring you grief
- Power to bring you joy
- Power to choose your motive
  - The good and bad are both in you.
  - *“Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak...”* **James 1:19 NLT**
- Power to defuse
- Power to repent

LEVEL 1 - Your words:

- Describe you as a Christian woman/man
- Show you as basically a good, moral person
- Help you more than they hurt you

LEVEL 2 - Your words:

- Show you are someone who walks with God
- Reveal wisdom
- Are controlled and measured
- Reveal your motive is not just about yourself but others walking with God
- Reflect the mind of Christ, which are His words for whoever you are speaking with
  - *“...Who can know the Lord’s thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?’ But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.”* **1 Corinthians 2:16 NLT**
- Are inspired by the Holy Spirit—can we pick some low hanging fruit?
  - *“...love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control...”* **Galatians 5:22 – 23 NLT**
- Open the door for God to give you more influence
  - *“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock.”* **Matthew 7:24 – 25 NLT**

### **Challenge:**

-So, what’s in your treasure box?

-What faith do you need to exercise to move into Level 2 more often?

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