

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

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

I Samuel 14:24 - 37 NLT

I Samuel 14:37b - 39, 41 - 46 NLT

Deepen your relationship with God.

- To know God is to invite Him in and “be led of the Holy Spirit.”

- Do not become complacent.

“With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes!”

Psalms 119:10–12 ESV

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

“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

Your words at 2 Levels:

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 for yourself but also 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.”

I Corinthians 2:16 NLT

- Are inspired by the Holy Spirit

“...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?