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Let us look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.³ For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and your hearts give up. **Hebrews 12:2-3 (MEV)**

Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see.²³ All the people were astonished and said, “Could this be the Son of David?”²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons.”²⁵ Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand.²⁶ If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand?²⁷ And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your people drive them out? So then, they will be your judges.²⁸ But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.²⁹ “Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man’s house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house.³⁰ “Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.³¹ And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.³² Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.³³ “Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit.³⁴ You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.³⁵ A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.³⁶ But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken.³⁷ For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.” **Matthew 12:22-37 (NIV)**

I CAN HAVE FAITHFUL WORDS & TALK LIKE JESUS WHEN...

1. I _____ My _____ Words.

All the people were astonished and said, “Could this be the Son of David?”²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons.” **Matthew 12:23-24 (NIV)**

Don’t let even one rotten word seep out of your mouths. **Ephesians 4:29a (VOICE)**

But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. **Colossians 3:8 (NIV)**

Set a guard over my mouth, Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips. **Psalms 141:3 (NIV)**

- I won’t _____ what God calls me to _____.

Speech God Prohibits:

SAPROS	_____	KATALALEŌ	_____
AISCHROTĒS	_____	LOIDOREŌ	_____
MŌROLOGIA	_____	KATARAOMAI	_____
EUTRAPELIA	_____	ARGOS	_____
AISCHROLOGIA	_____	BLASPHEMIA	_____
PSEUDOLOGIA	_____	DILOGOS	_____

2. I _____ My _____ Words.

When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby slapped him in the face. “Is this the way you answer the high priest?” he demanded.²³ “If I said something wrong,” Jesus replied, “testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?” **John 18:22-23 (NIV)**

A wise person’s thoughts control his words, and his speech promotes instruction. **Proverbs 16:23 (ISV)**

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.²² “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. **1 Peter 2:21-23 (NIV)**

- I will choose _____ over _____.

In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise. **Proverbs 10:19 (NKJV)**

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. **James 1:26 (NIV)**

3. I _____ Rather Than _____ With My Words.

You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? **Matthew 12:34a (NIV)**

But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken.³⁷ For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.” **Matthew 12:36-37 (NIV)**

Open rebuke is better than hidden love.⁶ Wounds inflicted by the correction of a friend prove he is faithful; the abundant kisses of an enemy show his lies. **Proverbs 27:5-6 (VOICE)**

- I will be _____ not _____ with my words.

Whoever rebukes a person will in the end gain favor rather than one who has a flattering tongue. **Proverbs 28:23 (NIV)**

4. I _____ The _____ Of My Words.

“Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit.³⁴ You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.³⁵ A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.” **Matthew 12:33-35 (NIV)**

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. **Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)**

Finally, believers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable and worthy of respect, whatever is right and confirmed by God’s word, whatever is pure and wholesome, whatever is lovely and brings peace, whatever is admirable and of good repute; if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think continually on these things [center your mind on them, and implant them in your heart]. **Philippians 4:8 (NIV)**

- I will feed the _____ not just fight the _____