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WORDS WE SPEAK

By your words you will be justified.  By your words you will be condemned. 

To justify – “To render or judge someone innocent.”

Matthew 12:33-37

To condemn – “To sentence someone – to pronounce doom.”

Relationships depend on words!

The words we speak are either **connectors** or **disconnectors**.

Are you connecting or disconnecting when you speak?




- Reconciliation means: “To bring together what was apart ...to end the battle and to begin anew the friendship.”
- Words have the power to **heal**... or to **kill** – They will bring understanding or misunderstanding.
- Words determine the quality of life in the person to whom you speak. As you speak them, they also determine the quality of your life.

We Speak only Three Kinds of Words.

James 2:15 & 16

1. Surface Words


1 Corinthians 13:1

Surface words have no depth. They  are as cold and dangerous as thin ice! They are **insincere and empty words**. They put distance between people. They are often birthed out of fear. They are the distinguishing characteristic of unfulfilling, uncaring and otherwise poor relationships.

Ephesians 4:29-32

2. Killing Words

Colossians 3:12-17

Killing words may be delivered out  of evil intent or just plain ignorance. They may be intentional or not. In either case, they are powerful! They originate in the heart and are fiery arrows launched by the tongue.

Colossians 4:6

3. Living Words

1 John 1:5-2:2

Living words reflect a conscious effort to bring the grace of God to others. They are words that please God. They are words of kindness and mercy. They are **Christ-like words**. They bring life and grace to the hearer (and to the speaker).