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DAILY DEVOTION YOUR WORDS ARE IMPORTANT

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MATTHEW 12:36-37 NIV 36 But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. 37 For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

Few people realize the importance of the words they speak.

There is almost no way to overemphasize the importance of what we say. Yet most people give it almost no thought -- usually speaking without even thinking.

Jesus came from Heaven and revealed to us that words are important. Very important. The Bible has much to say on this subject. We ignore it at our own peril.

You may not be familiar with what the Bible says about the importance of words, but if you knew only the verse above, Matthew 12:36-37, that should be enough to convince you. Your judgment will be determined by the words you have spoken.

Certainly, this is not a negative message. When we understand the importance and power of words, we can use them for good. The Bible says death and life are in the power of the tongue (Proverbs 18:21). Just as fire can cause great destruction, tamed and controlled it can be a great blessing to us. So it is with words. Life is in the power of the tongue. That means life is controlled by words.

I repeat: life is controlled by words. Words release authority. Words determine the course of events. Words matter.

What should you do about this?

First, you need to study what the Bible says about words. Jesus said if you continue in His Word you would know the truth and the truth would make you free (John 8:31-32).

Also, you need to ask the Lord to teach you and help you to speak correctly -- because we must have God's help to tame our tongue.

PRAYER: Lord, please teach me and help me to speak the right words from today, Amen.