

The TEST of Speech

Test Series—Sound in Speech Titus 2:8 Chris Mueller

Luke 12:3 Whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in the inner rooms shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

Matthew 12:36–37 Every careless word that men shall speak, they shall render account for it in the day of judgment. For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned.

Matthew 12:34 For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.

James 3:9–10 With it we bless our Lord and Father; and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.

Titus 2:8 sound in speech which is beyond reproach, in order that the opponent may be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

#1 Healthy speech is T _____ —tell the truth in what you say

Colossians 3:9 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices.

Revelation 21:8 But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

Psalm 12:3 May the Lord cut off all flattering lips and the tongue that speaks great things.

Matthew 5:37 Let your statement be, "Yes, yes" or "No, no"; and anything beyond these is of evil.

Proverbs 6:16–19 There are six things which the Lord hates, yes, seven which are an abomination to Him, two of which are a lying tongue and a false witness that utters lies.

1 Peter 2:21–22 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth.

#2 Healthy speech is T _____ —guard what comes out of your mouth

Psalm 39:1 I will guard my ways that I may not sin with my tongue, I will guard my mouth as with a muzzle.

Psalm 141:3 Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth, keep watch over the door of my lips.

Ephesians 5:4 There must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

Ephesians 4:29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth.

1st – Avoid trapping your parents in their contradictions

2nd – Learn to admit your mistakes

3rd – Ask them their opinion on some issues

1 – Talk less and listen more

Ecclesiastes 10:14 The fool multiplies words.

Proverbs 10:19 When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, but he who restrains his lips is wise.

James 1:26 If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue, but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless.

Proverbs 17:28 Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is considered wise: when he closes his lips, he is counted as prudent.

2 – Develop the habit of screening what you hear

Proverbs 17:9 He who repeats a matter separates intimate friends.

#3 Healthy speech is a T _____ —let your speech bring healing

Ephesians 4:29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Colossians 4:6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned, as it were with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person.

Luke 4:22 All were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which were falling from His lips.

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue.

Proverbs 12:18 Wise words...bring healing.

1st – Master three simple phrases

- I'm sorry
- That's o.k., I forgive you
- I love you!

2nd – Work at kind speech

#4 Healthy speech is a T _____ —let your speech share the gospel

Titus 2:8 Sound in speech which is beyond reproach, in order that the opponent may be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

Philippians 2:14–15 Do all things without grumbling or disputing; that you may prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world.

A – Come to _____

B – Work on your _____

C – The best way to grow is to use your words to _____

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QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. What is so important about your speech?
2. What does your speech reveal about who you are?
3. Why must Christians speak the truth?
4. Why can't Christians speak their mind? Why must they guard what they say?
5. What is a believer's speech designed to do? Name as many positive goals for your words as possible.
6. How can words bring healing to people?
7. What kind of changes do you need to make with your tongue?
8. How will you help others around you use their speech to glorify God?