

Review:

- Matt 12:34 - Whatever is in your mouth determines what you say.
- Genesis - God used words in the spirit world to make things happen in the natural world.
- Words, like bridges, are connectors.
- Words connect God to us and words connect us to God.
- Words can condemn you; words of confession bring salvation.
- Idle words (Matt 12:36-37)
- Words connect us to others.
- The quality of our life and our relationships are determined in large part by our words.
- Prov 18:20-22, Eph 5:25-26

Can I Speak Freely?

Three lies Satan hopes Christians believe:

Lie #1 - You Have The Right to _____.

Ps 141:3 Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.

Ps 39:1 I will watch what I do and not sin in what I say.

Prov 6:16-19 There are six things the LORD hates -- no, seven things he detests: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord among brothers.

Lie #2 - If You're " _____ " It Doesn't Count.

Prov 26:18-19 Just as damaging as a mad man shooting a lethal weapon is someone who lies to a friend and then says, "I was only joking."

Lie #3 - Once Your Words Are Forgotten, Their _____ Is Gone.

James 3:5-6 So also, the tongue is a small thing, but what enormous damage it can do. A tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is full of wickedness that can ruin your whole life. It can turn the entire course of your life into a blazing flame of destruction, for it is set on fire by hell itself.

Truth about words:

- We don't have the right to speak freely at all times.
- We can't claim we were just kidding when we harm others with our words.
- We are deceived if we think our words just evaporate and are quickly forgotten.