

Matthew 12:36 "But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. 12:37 "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned. NIV"

Matthew 12:36~37

- We will have to account for the words we speak on the Day of Judgment.
- Whether we are declared righteous or guilty depends on our words.

Our words can determine whether we live or die and have eternal consequences.

Proverbs 13:3 He who guards his mouth preserves his life, But he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.

18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit. NIV

If you find yourself feeling "anger" toward someone:

Ephesians 4:26 "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, NIV

God does not say we must never get angry, but He does say we must not remain angry. To do this, we can let go of our anger by pouring out our hearts to Jesus—who knows everything about us—just as David did when he poured out his heart to the Lord.

To avoid being hurt by what others say:

Ecclesiastes 7:21 Also do not take to heart everything people say,

Even if you are mocked or slandered while sharing the gospel, rejoice and dance because of the reward that awaits you in heaven. See Matthew 5:11–12

Whose words do we let into our hearts?

Proverbs 4:20 My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. 4:21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; 4:22 For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.

Applications:

1. What kind of words do we let into our hearts each day? Words from the internet, words from other people, or God's words?
2. What are we talking? Complaints, gossip, or the Word of God?
3. If you've been hurt by something someone said to you in the past, let's hand it over to Jesus.
4. If you have hurt someone with your words, apologize and seek reconciliation.
5. Let's keep God's words in our hearts and hold on to them.