

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

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I. INTRODUCTION:

1. Text Mark 9:50; 1 Corinthians 7:16; 1 Thessalonians 1:8; Hebrews 11:4
2. We all hate the hypocrites, the posers, the people that claim they are something when they really aren't. We all should be honest with ourselves and others, but many times we aren't. We want to be better than we think we are, so sometimes we act like something we aren't. Actors on TV!
3. This is especially true when it comes to being Christians. Often we know that God has called us to live a worthy life, a life that is by His standards! It is easy to live the Christian life in church, but where it really gets tough is out there in the real world. We know that doing that means that we will be different from the world – and sometimes that is the hardest thing to do. So, we act it out.
4. Let us look at some examples in the Bible of those whose actions spoke louder than words.

II. Discussion

DAVID AND GOLIATH

- A. 1 Samuel 17 – the armies lined up. Goliath's challenge! No one would meet it!
- B. David – he had some words as well 1 Sam 17:45-47
- C. But it was David, who, with the help of God, backed up His words!

DANIEL

- A. Daniel 1 – lived up to what he was taught! Did not use excuses, but did what God commanded him
- B. Daniel 6 – He prayed when it was against the law to pray! He was committed to God, not just when it was convenient, but when it wasn't.

3 HEBREW CHILDREN

- A. Daniel 3 Nebuchadnezzar let them have another chance – but listen to what they said Daniel 3:16-18
- B. They put their lives where their mouths were – were thrown into the fiery furnace. But God delivered them – even if God hadn't, they still would have done it anyway

JESUS!

- A. Jesus was and is our greatest example! Acts 1:1 All that Jesus began both to do and teach! He did first, then taught!
- B. John 2: Jesus cleansing the temple
- C. Matthew 9:6; Mark 2:10
- D. The cross – God's greatest proof that He loves us His actions speak so much louder than words.

APOSTLES

- A. Acts 4:13; 5:42 they lived what they taught and believed and practiced.
- B.

III. CONCLUSION:

1. Your actions will speak louder than your words this week. Encourage
 - A. Older Christians to be an example to the younger Christians
 - B. All of us need to live like Christ in all you do
 - C. All of us need to remember that we should live like God demands!
 - D. Leave worship remembering that ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS.
2. Will you act now in becoming a Christian?

Source; Tommy Tidwell 2003