

# IS TALK CHEAP?

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## INTRODUCTION

1. Text James 3:1-12
2. This is a very complex subject; where to begin and end is always a problem.
3. We will never know what we say will affect people.
4. Preacher preached a sermon on this subject one dignified lady came out and said she would never come again; another lady came out and said "Preacher if I knew you were that close I would have choose other words; then the man to whom he was preaching said to him "Preacher that was aa fine lesson, you really gave it to them today.
5. If we had to buy our words - if we had to but so many nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, preposition, conjunction, etc.. how much profanity, idle gossip, self-pity, and complaint about the weather could we or would we buy?
6. Is talk cheap? lets' find out.

## II Discussion

- A. What are the effects of our words on ourselves?
  1. By our words we will be judged. Matthew 12:34-37
- B. What effect does our words have on others?
  1. One who says that talk is cheap usually produces cheap talk.
  2. One who produces cheap talk usually reminds us of a leaky faucet or a running sore.
  3. Talk is never cheap, it brings crime, war, injustice, suffering, and death.
  4. Talk is not cheap. Everything is based on talk.
    - a. education
    - b. business without words all progress in civilization would stop.
    - c. Preaching 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
- C. Talk, it's effect on God.
  1. Proverbs 6:16-19
  2. Revelation 21:8
- D. What type of words should we speak?
  1. Good words. Proverbs 15:23 a word spoken in due season, how good is it!
  2. Pleasant words. Proverbs 16:24 Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.
  3. Appropriate words. Proverbs 25:11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.
  4. Gracious Words. Ecclesiastes 10:12 The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.
  5. Comforting Words I Thessalonians 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

## III Conclusion

1. Talk is not cheap and should not be used as though it is.

2. Some act as though the great spiritual and intellectual gulf that separates man and dog as though it is not very great.
3. We need to do what the Lord said to do.

Source: sermon preached 1987