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WORDS MATTER

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“Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.”

Ephesians 4:29 NLT

Watch what you say; deal? It is a no-brainer that our words and conversations can cause a lot of problems. When words gets loose and go airborne, things get broken. We’re all still learning about the extent of the damage from recent hurricanes in Florida. In a two week period Florida was hit with back-to-back storms. Clean-up from the first hurricane – Helene – was just beginning when hurricane Milton came ashore.

In relationships with other people it is often one bad stormy argument on top of another that ends friendships forever. Cleanup can be a real mess. Here is another terrific verse in the Bible regarding our words. Make sure people can depend on us to keep our word: “It is better to say nothing than to make a promise and not keep it. Don’t let your mouth make you sin.”

Ecclesiastes 5:5-6a NLT

In today’s modern world, people are more wary of each other, not knowing what to believe. We question and doubt everyone. Barna Research suggests that for the first time in modern history, “More people (51%) are skeptical of words from a stranger/new acquaintance than acceptance that their words are true/accurate (49%).”

Barna suggests that in the past people were given the benefit of doubt more often. Until we were given a reason to doubt what was said to us, we usually believed others to be truthful. Today, we begin with a skeptical viewpoint when hearing new information, even if we have no reason to feel this way.

Most of us are inundated with information each day. There is an overload of content on most every topic. For the sake of Jesus and His Church in the world today, it is vitally important that we manage our words to build up and encouraging others. Similarly, if you make a commitment or promise to do something, make certain you can follow through.

Words really matter. Watch what you say. Deal!

