

LEARN TO TALK

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(Ecclesiastes 10:12)

The words a person speaks will either bring them praise or destruction. The most dangerous thing you can do is speak carelessly. What you say will determine what comes to you, how people think of you and how God responds to you. One of the primary attacks of the enemy is to **INFLUENCE** you to speak foolishly.

The enemy knows the consequences of speaking foolish words. He knows that speaking foolishly can put you in some uncompromising positions; such as losing favor with an authority figure, getting fired from your job and much more. There is a huge **DIFFERENCE** between being an effective communicator and learning how to talk.

Effective communication is mastering the ability to be **UNDERSTOOD**. Learning how to talk is **MASTERING**

THE ART OF SAYING THE RIGHT WORDS. There are plenty of effective communicators whom are well understood. However, their logic is wrong and their words bring trouble. If you do not learn how to talk, becoming an effective communicator is fruitless.

TALKING APPROPRIATELY

There are a plethora of people who know how to talk. However, they are not easily understood. Ecclesiastes 10:12 says, "*The **WORDS** of the wise bring them praise, but the words of a fool will destroy them.*"

People who know how to say what is right are not easily understood, more than often they are misunderstood. The act of talking has **NOTHING** to do with being understood, it is simply focused on expressing your thoughts.

Saying what is right is not the same as saying what is popular. Saying what is right is stating what is **FAIR**.

Saying what is fair will attract praise. However, **RECEIVING** praise does not mean you are understood. Here's what I mean.

In Luke 4:31-32 Jesus went to Capernaum and taught the people. The Bible says, "*the people were **AMAZED** at his teaching, because he spoke with authority.*" The scripture **NEVER** said the people understood His teachings.

The people were amazed. One of the synonyms for the word amazed is **PERPLEXED**. These people praised Jesus message even though they were puzzled by what He said.

Many people have the ability to dissect **RIGHTEOUS WORDS**. Unfortunately, they cannot understand the context of the words; which is how you can be praised in **WHAT** you say but puzzle people in the way you said it. Currently, this is a prevalent issue.

When people read the Bible they celebrate God's written word, even though they cannot understand it. When a righteous person reads the words "*you are blessed*", these words attract praise because they are righteous. However, most people will not understand what it mean.

The goal of this teaching is not to teach you how to communicate, it is to teach you **HOW TO TALK**. Before you desire to be understood it is imperative for you learn how to speak **RIGHTEOUS WORDS**. This is a major problem in our society.

Everyone wants to be understood while they are foolish, uneducated and misguided. We put more effort in trying to be understood than learning how to say what is right. Ecclesiastes 10:12 says, "*the WORDS of the wise bring them praise.*"

My goal is **NOT** to teach you how to be understood. It is to teach you how to win praise. When you learn how to talk, people may misunderstand you.

However, they cannot disagree with your words because righteousness will always prove itself to be true. When Jesus spoke to the Pharisees, the Pharisees **NEVER** disagreed with what He said. They misunderstood what He said. Never forget this!

**“THE SOUND OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL
ALWAYS RECEIVE AN APPLAUSE.”**

The proof of speaking the right words is not predicated on people’s comprehension. It is determined by the praise one receive’s when the words are spoken. An evil man who says the **RIGHT WORDS** will be praised. A selfish person who says the **RIGHT WORDS** will be praised.

A fool who says the **RIGHT WORDS** will be praised. A politician who says the **RIGHT WORDS** will be praised. People are not worthy of praise, the **WORDS** they speak are worthy of praise.

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