

God is Weighing Our Words

Rut Check Part 6

Malachi 3:13-15 “You have spoken arrogantly against me,” says the LORD. “Yet you ask, ‘What have we said against you?’¹⁴ “You have said, ‘It is futile to serve God. What do we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the LORD Almighty?’¹⁵ But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly evildoers prosper, and even when they put God to the test, they get away with it.”

Malachi 13:13 “You have said terrible things about me,” says the LORD. (NLT)

1. Your w_____matter to God!

Ephesians 4:29-32 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

2. W_____affect our w_____environment

3. D_____can make it d_____to watch your words.

Psalms 37:1-4 Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; ² for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. ³ Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. ⁴ Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Getting out of negative word ruts:

1. T_____before you speak

Ask, is what I am about to say...

Truthful? Helpful? Inspirational? Necessary? Kind?

Proverbs 18:7-8 ⁷A fool’s mouth is his undoing, and his lips are a snare to his soul.⁸ The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man’s inmost parts (Proverbs 18:7-8).

Romans 1:28-30 Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents

John 7:12 Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, “He is a good man.” Others replied, “No, he deceives the people.

2. Pour w_____not f_____on gossip

Romans 14:10: You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God’s judgment seat

3. Commit to speech that works f____, not a_____ God

Colossians 4:6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

How to begin a relationship with Jesus...

Admit that you’ve sinned (missed the mark of perfection) (Rom3:23)

Believe that Jesus is Lord, that He died on the cross for your sins and was raised from the dead (Rom. 10:9, John 3:16, 1 Peter 1:3)

Choose Jesus. Choose to Love God above all (Matthew 22:37, Eph. 5:1).