

**SermonIndex Announcements :: A reminder from SI to have salty speech****A reminder from SI to have salty speech - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2010/10/12 11:41**

Saints,

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We all have at times such speech to other brothers and sisters. May we all search our hearts to allow God to teach us Himself and His ways in our speech. I stand in need of great grace to help me tongue to be under self-control and speak that which edifies my brother and uplifts him.

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The site moderators ask you before you post that you consider praying and ask the Lord if you have the right spirit to serve others in the body of Christ before posting and pressing the submit button. Please also look at these scriptures: Matthew 12:36, James 1:26, Colossians 4:6.

here are the scriptures from the amplified bible:

Matthew 12:36 - "But I tell you, on the day of judgment men will have to give account for every idle (inoperative, nonworking) word they speak."

James 1:26 - "If anyone thinks himself to be religious (piously observant of the external duties of his faith) and does not bridle his tongue but deludes his own heart, this person's religious service is worthless (futile, barren)."

Colossians 4:6 - "Let your speech at all times be gracious (pleasant and winsome), seasoned with salt, to know how you ought to answer anyone."

Re: A reminder from SI to have salty speech - posted by Renoncer, on: 2010/10/12 11:57

Greg,
I agree with your admonition.

I confess that I have not kept a tight rein on my tongue at all times, and thereby have sinned.
I renounce this sin, and I repent, immediately. May God keep me humbled.

Love to all of you who are in Christ Jesus,
Renoncer

Re: - posted by MyVeryHeart (), on: 2010/10/12 12:00

Yes,

I also repent of my hasty and unsalty speech.
God bless you all.

Re: A reminder from SI to have salty speech - posted by Lysa (), on: 2010/10/12 13:23

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by sermonindex on 2010/10/12 8:41:10

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Brother, AMEN!!

PS: Let each of us remember to humility in our tongues also concerning wives and husbands and children (for me). Just saying...

God bless us all as we seek to please HIM!
Lisa

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2010/10/12 18:40

It is a blessing to see these responses. May we all have such a heart. Oh Lord help me!

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiisss (), on: 2010/10/12 19:09

Very good and timely reminder, Greg.

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." - John 13:35

Re: - posted by StarofGOD (), on: 2010/10/12 19:20

yes, very timely. Praise the Lord! :)

Re: - posted by NewCovWinDor (), on: 2010/10/12 21:30

Amen, Greg!

Re: A reminder from SI to have salty speech, on: 2010/10/12 22:09

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Good points.

I can't count how many times that I have written long (or short) responses that I was going to add to a thread and then felt a gentle tugging from the Lord to simply walk away. OF course, the temptation is always there to defend a position (or the lack thereof if a general lack of evidence merits). Yet it never hurts to prayerfully "sit" on our words for a while.

More times than not, I read the words that I wrote a few days later...and I am happy that I didn't post them. It isn't that I didn't believe what I wrote -- but that I didn't want to give in to vain conversations or any attempt to replace "defending the faith" with needlessly "defending my view."

My dad used to tell me not to worry about "reputation" -- because it is "character" that truly matters. After all, a reputation is a sprint and character is a marathon. Reputation can be built or lost by rumors, insinuations, misunderstanding or even lies -- but character is built slowly and firmly over a long time.

Even if you are misunderstood, mischaracterized, misconstrued or misunderstood...and even if you are "cast aside" or "handed over" for simply disagreeing by some well-meaning or misguided individual or group....or criticized publicly in the forums, or privately in constant Private Messages or behind your back via gossip and rumor -- it really doesn't change the truth. It may affect your reputation amongst a very small group for a short period of time, but it doesn't change your character at all.

In fact, such things might present an opportunity for our character to come shining through -- as long as we don't give in to the temptation to "react" unnecessarily. After all, it "all comes out in the wash" (as my mom sometimes says).

I truly appreciate the encouragement from Greg and the rest of the brethren here to maintain our testimonies in Christ in everything that we say in forum conversations.

Re: - posted by StarofGOD (), on: 2010/10/13 23:55

in light of this...

<http://media.sermonindex.net/13/SID13440.mp3>

Gracious Speech - Alan Martin

Re: - posted by JesusIsMyLrd (), on: 2010/10/14 0:54

Thank you brother Greg. We all need this, especially me.

God bless you.