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SAY IT LIKE IT MATTERS

Text: Matthew 15:37 ESV

The Something More life begins, simply enough, with a desire for something more, and a hope for something more. Ref: Matthew 5:6; Romans 10:17

We need to make sure that we're hearing and seeing and watching and *absorbing* uplifting, faith-focused, growth-oriented content, day in and day out. Ref: Matthew 12:36, 37

Get in the habit of listening to what you say, and how you say it.

I'm challenging you today to get into the habit of listening to what you say and how you say it. There are two good reasons you should do this.

First, your words reveal what's really in your heart.

There is a connection between the condition of your heart and the content of your speech. Matthew 12:34; James 1:26

Second, your words have the power to help you change. Ref: Romans 10:9-10

You need to hear yourself speaking the word of faith — out loud. Ref: Romans 10:17

Your words set the tone for your outlook each and every day, and they set the stage for what God can do next in your life.

We can create a culture of increase in our lives by paying special attention to what we say and how we converse.

1. Your conversation with God. Ref: Psalm 142:2, 5

To create a culture of increase in your spiritual life, pay attention to your prayer life and make the intentional choice to lay before God all the hurt that is your heart, *and* make the intentional choice to speak all the hope that is in your heart as well.

2. Your conversation with yourself.

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God ... so can you imagine what will happen if you hear yourself speaking God's word and God's truth throughout the day? Your faith will increase. Joshua 1:8

The more you speak the Word of God, the more you will grow spiritually, the more you will prosper, the more you will succeed. Ref: Psalm 119:11 KJV

3. Your conversation with others.

Paying attention to your conversation with others begins not with what you say as much as it begins with what you don't say. Proverbs 13:3 HCSB; Proverbs 29:11

Your words have power. They set the tone for your day and set the stage for what God can do next in your life.

37 "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."