

## **MATTHEW 12: 33-37**

### **WHAT DID YOU SAY?**

Introduction:

We learn from the political world about the importance of words. We have watched powerful men fall from power simply on the basis of something they said. We watched Trent Lott, the senator from Mississippi, lose his seat of influence in the Senate simply on the basis of a few words spoken at a banquet honoring one of his friends. We were sobered when we watched the powerful assistant to the vice president sentenced to prison for what he said to a FBI agent in an interview.

Jesus gave these words in response to accusatory words spoken by His critics. They expressed their rejection of His claims with some terribly misguided words—they actually used words to accuse Him of being an agent of Beelzebul. On the basis of these words they put their souls in danger of Hell fire.

So what did you say? You should be careful about what you say. Words spoken with the mouth are important.

#### **I. WHAT YOU SAY REVEALS YOUR CHARACTER.**

1. Words are like the fruit of a tree—they reveal the nature of the tree.

2. Words are like treasures kept in the heart—they reveal the condition of the heart.

## II. WHAT YOU SAY DETERMINES YOUR DESTINY.

1. God records what you say.
2. You will face what you said in the judgment.
3. Your destiny will be determined on the basis of what you said.