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Show Time

Do you know what is in your heart? That's a different question. I can't say that I know what's in my heart. How can I possibly know what's in my heart? That sounds like an impossible task to me. **No, it's not. Actually, it's quite easy to know what is in your heart. It's equally easy to know what is in another person's heart as well.** You have definitely made me curious. What must I do if I want to know what is in my heart? How can I possibly know what is in the heart of another person? **You must listen carefully if you want to know what is in your or another's person heart.** Listen? Listen, to what? **Listen to the words that come out of your mouth. Listen to the words that will come out of another person's mouth. Your words will reveal what is in your heart. Another person's words will reveal what is in their heart.**

How will my words reveal what is in my heart? How will another's person's words reveal what is in their heart? **This is not a hard concept to understand. When you say something, when another person says something it is "show time". Words that come out of a mouth reveal what is in the heart. Have you ever said something and then thought, "Where did that come from?"** Yes, that thought has crossed my mind. **What is the answer to your thought?** Whatever comes out of my mouth is in my heart. **That's exactly right. Give me some examples.** If I say angry words I have an angry heart. If I say fear filled words I have a fearful heart. If I say doubt filled words I have a doubtful heart. **You got it.**

I got it but I'm not happy about it. **What do you mean by that?** I'm not happy about the words that have been coming out of my mouth. I'm not happy about what is obviously in my heart. **Good.** Good, what's good? **You want to have a different heart. You want to speak different words.** Yes, I want a new heart. I want to speak words that reveal a good and fruitful heart. I want my heart and words and life to bring glory to your name. I want your goodness to overflow my life with words that give life and bear fruit for your kingdom. **You want me to change your heart and words and life? Is that your prayer?** Yes Lord, that is my prayer. **I will hear and answer that prayer of yours.**

Lord, I know that the words that come out of my mouth are a good gauge of what is in my heart. Change my heart. Overflow my life with your goodness. Help me to speak good and fruitful words that bring glory to your name. Amen

Speech*Mouth Speaks*

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"For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

ESV

Luke 6:43-45

Speech*What You Say Flows*

"A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. A tree is identified by its fruit. Figs never grow on thornbushes, nor grapes on bramble bushes. A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.

NLT

Luke 6:43-45

Speech*Mouth Speaks*

"For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

NKJV

Luke 6:43-45

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"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

NRSV

Luke 6:43-45

Speech*Brimms Over Into True Words*

"You don't get wormy apples off a healthy tree, nor good apples off a diseased tree. The health of the apple tells the health of the tree. You must begin with your own life-giving lives. It's who you are, not what you say and do, that counts. Your true being brims over into true words and deeds.

MSG

Luke 6:43-45

Speech*Mouth Speaks*

For there is no good (healthy) tree that bears decayed (worthless, stale) fruit, nor on the other hand does a decayed (worthless, sickly) tree bear good fruit. For each tree is known and identified by its own fruit; for figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor is a cluster of grapes picked from a bramblebush. The upright (honorable, intrinsically good) man out of the good treasure [stored] in his heart produces what is upright (honorable and intrinsically good), and the evil man out of the evil storehouse brings forth that which is depraved (wicked and intrinsically evil); for out of the abundance (overflow) of the heart his mouth speaks.

AMP

Luke 6:43-45

Speech*Flows Into Speech*

"A tree from good stock doesn't produce scrub fruit nor do trees from poor stock produce choice fruit. A tree is identified by the kind of fruit it produces. Figs never grow on thorns, or grapes on bramble bushes. A good man produces good deeds from a good heart. And an evil man produces evil deeds from his hidden wickedness. Whatever is in the heart overflows into speech.

TLB

Luke 6:43-45

Speech*Mouth Speaks*

"For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit, nor, on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit. "For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush. "The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.

NASB

Luke 6:43-45

Speech*People Speak*

"A good tree does not produce bad fruit, nor does a bad tree produce good fruit. Each tree is known by its own fruit. People don't gather figs from thornbushes, and they don't get grapes from bushes. Good people bring good things out of the good they stored in their hearts. But evil people bring evil things out of the evil they stored in their hearts. People speak the things that are in their hearts.

NCV

Luke 6:43-45

Mouth Speaks

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Speech – Luke 6:43-45

In Context: *Read Luke 6*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I know that the words that come out of my mouth are a good gauge of what is in my heart. Change my heart. Overflow my life with your goodness. Help me to speak good and fruitful words that bring glory to your name. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

Why will the words that come out of your mouth always be a good gauge of what is in your heart?

Why is it fair for others to evaluate who you are based on the words that are coming out of your mouth?

When have you evaluated someone else based on the words of their mouth and the fruit of their life?

When have you been unpleasantly disappointed about the words that have come out of your mouth?

How has the Lord been changing both your heart and the words that are coming out of your mouth?

When have you been pleasantly surprised by the good words that the Lord has given you to speak for Him?

How have the words coming out of your mouth been able to bear good fruit for the Lord?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Allow the Lord to change your heart and the words that overflow your life and come out of your mouth.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that out of the abundance of your heart your mouth will speak good and fruitful words.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord is changing both your heart and the words you speak.

Close With Prayer: ***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May your heart overflow with good words that come out of your mouth.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, help my heart to overflow with good words coming out of my mouth.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what good words would you like to overflow my heart and come out of my mouth today?
