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“Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For **by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.**” Matthew 12:34-37



Be Holy, for I Am Holy

God's Holy People Watch Their
Words

Avoid...

- Words of abuse.
- Retaliation.
- Lying.
- Cursing and/or filthy talk.

Learning to Do Better

- Guard your environment.
- Study and meditate upon the Scriptures.
- Pray.
- Use it properly.

Use Words of...

- Edification.
- Thanksgiving.
- Evangelism.
- Prayer.
- Praise.

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- We must not allow our words to make our religion vain or condemn us.
- Let's devote our speech to those things God desires.
- Why not use your tongue to confess Christ today?
 - “If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” **Rom. 10:9-10**

