



Sermon Questions

Date: *July 10, 2022* | Scripture: *Proverbs on Words (see reverse)*

1. What are some of the most important words you've heard or received? Who were they from? Why were they important?
2. The sermon gave a test for us to evaluate our words: are they necessary, are they true, and are they timely? Which are you strongest with and which is hardest for you?
3. Consider the words of Jesus. Where in the gospels can you find examples of Jesus words being necessary true, and or timely?
4. Is there a person in your life who uses their words wisely? What do they do that makes you feel that way?

Reflecting on Our Creed

5. Included on the last sheet of this handout are Westminster Larger Catechism Questions 143-145. Take some time to read through these questions and answers. Carefully consider the ways you struggle to meet the standard of God's law with respect to speaking truthfully.
6. Jesus Christ is not only a model of obedience to God's law, he is the fulfillment of God's law. For those areas you particularly struggle with, spend time considering the heart of Christ for you, and the true things he has proclaimed over you. See John 1:1-14, 8:12-36, 14:6, 17:1-19.

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Leviticus 19:9-18
- Psalm 19
- Isaiah 59:1-8
- Matthew 12:33-37
- Colossians 3:5-11
- James 3:1-12

Serve: there are lots of opportunities to serve in our church family. [Click Here](#) to serve as a volunteer

Pray for our local mission partner, Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center, and our global mission partner, Kenya Mercy Ministries.

Reach out if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org

Proverbs 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
and those who love it will eat its fruits.

Proverbs 10:19

When words are many, transgression is not lacking,
but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.

Proverbs 17:28

Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise;
when he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent.

Proverbs 26:4-5

Answer not a fool according to his folly,
lest you be like him yourself.
Answer a fool according to his folly,
lest he be wise in his own eyes.

Proverbs 12:19

Truthful lips endure forever,
but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

Proverbs 12:19

An evil man is ensnared by the transgression of his lips,
but the righteous escapes from trouble.

Proverbs 10:18

The one who conceals hatred has lying lips,
and whoever utters slander is a fool.

Proverbs 25:11

A word fitly spoken
is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

Proverbs 27:14

Whoever blesses his neighbor with a loud voice,
rising early in the morning,
will be counted as cursing.

Proverbs 12:18

There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts,
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Q. 143. Which is the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment is, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Q. 144. What are the duties required in the ninth commandment?

A. The duties required in the ninth commandment are, the preserving and promoting of truth between man and man, and the good name of our neighbor, as well as our own; appearing and standing for the truth; and from the heart, sincerely, freely, clearly, and fully, speaking the truth, and only the truth, in matters of judgment and justice, and in all other things whatsoever; a charitable esteem of our neighbors; loving, desiring, and rejoicing in their good name; sorrowing for and covering of their infirmities; freely acknowledging of their gifts and graces, defending their innocence; a ready receiving of a good report, and unwillingness to admit of an evil report, concerning them; discouraging talebearers, flatterers, and slanderers; love and care of our own good name, and defending it when need requireth; keeping of lawful promises; studying and practicing of whatsoever things are true, honest, lovely, and of good report.

Q. 145. What are the sins forbidden in the ninth commandment?

A. The sins forbidden in the ninth commandment are, all prejudicing the truth, and the good name of our neighbors, as well as our own, especially in public judicature; giving false evidence, suborning false witnesses, wittingly appearing and pleading for an evil cause, outfacing and overbearing the truth; passing unjust sentence, calling evil good, and good evil; rewarding the wicked according to the work of the righteous, and the righteous according to the work of the wicked; forgery, concealing the truth, undue silence in a just cause, and holding our peace when iniquity calleth for either a reproof from ourselves, or complaint to others; speaking the truth unseasonably, or maliciously to a wrong end, or perverting it to a wrong meaning, or in doubtful or equivocal expressions, to the prejudice of the truth or justice; speaking untruth, lying, slandering, backbiting, detracting, talebearing, whispering, scoffing, reviling, rash, harsh, and partial censuring; misconstruing intentions, words, and actions; flattering, vainglorious boasting, thinking or speaking too highly or too meanly of ourselves or others; denying the gifts and graces of God; aggravating smaller faults; hiding, excusing, or extenuating of sins, when called to a free confession; unnecessary discovering of infirmities; raising false rumors, receiving and countenancing evil reports, and stopping our ears against just defense; evil suspicion; envying or grieving at the deserved credit of any; endeavoring or desiring to impair it, rejoicing in their disgrace and infamy; scornful contempt, fond admiration; breach of lawful promises; neglecting such things as are of good report, and practicing, or not avoiding ourselves, or not hindering what we can in others, such things as procure an ill name.