

Words of Truth

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Sacred and undeniable — self-evident

- “self-evident” means you look inside yourself to determine what is real, true, etc.
- “sacred” means that you look to the divine to determine what is real, true, etc.

Words are powerful and they matter. Death and life are held in the power of our tongues.

MATTHEW 5:33-37

“When you manipulate words to get your own way, you go wrong.”
(Matthew 5:37 MSG)

What is Jesus saying to do?

- Be truthful with your words
- Have integrity when it comes to your words
 - “integrity” → integer, meaning whole
- The battle for truth and integrity is fought everyday
- Avoid spiritual hypocrisy
 - Saying one way is the way to go and expecting others to do the same, but secretly not going that way yourself.
 - Meeting the standard of your words but not your deeds.

MATTHEW 23:2-3, 5-7, 15

- Jesus’ warning against spiritual hypocrisy: it shuts the door of God’s Kingdom in people’s lives
- Our “yes” and our “no” should be **sacred**, not just **self-evident**.

Behavior modification without heart transformation leads to fading application.

- Fruit is never disconnected from the root.

Behavior modification with heart transformation leads to strengthening application.

- We need more than just good intentions and strong wills.
- We need a new root structure.

MATTHEW 5:37

'Anything more than this comes from evil.'

National Geographic study on why we lie:

- Protect from what we feel is threatening us
- Acquire the thing we think we need

Sin: Trying to meet a legitimate need in an illegitimate way.

Messiah complex: We think we're our own Messiah and responsible to save and protect ourselves. Our longing for significance, acceptance, and security leads us to a lie.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the greatest truth in the world. The gospel is also an invitation to walk freely now on this earth.

ACTS 17:28

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

Because of the gospel, I'm significant, accepted, and secure in Christ. Therefore, I can tell the truth and never feel threatened at what the truth will cost me.

What does heart transformation look like? How do we abide and grow in the grace of God?

- We have to know ourselves. Identify our needs that we tend to lie for (significance, acceptance, or security).
- Grow in the grace that God offers us. Ask God to help you grow in the significance and security that He has freely given you.
- Sign up and experience Freedom Prayer: northway.org/freedomprayer

MATTHEW 6:9-13, ESV

Pray then like this:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

