

Your Words: From Insecurity to Integrity
Taming the Tongue Pt 2
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Mark 9:33-34 "What were you discussing out on the road?" But they didn't answer, because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest.

Insecurity is exposed when you use words to build yourself up or to project an image....

**... simply because you can't do it by your character,
.....or through your actions. It simply involves the avoidance of truth.**

Insecurity results in

Bragging

2 Cor. 10:18 When people boast about themselves, it doesn't count for much. But when the Lord commends someone, that's different!

Idle Talk.

Titus 1:10 For there are many who rebel against right teaching; they engage in useless talk and deceive people.

Profanity

Ephes. 4:29 Watch the way you talk. Let nothing foul or dirty come out of your mouth. Say only what helps, each word a gift.

Excuses.

Proverbs 22:13 The lazy person is full of excuses, saying, "If I go outside, I might meet a lion in the street and be killed!"

My life's pursuit: A life characterized by quiet integrity.

James 3:13 If you are wise ...live a life of steady goodnessAnd if you don't brag about the good you do, then you will be truly wise!

1) Embrace your position in Christ.

Galatians 6:14 ... God forbid that I should boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, my interest in this world died long ago....

2) Say only what is necessary.

Proverbs 10:19 Don't talk too much, for it fosters sin. Be sensible and turn off the flow!

3) Say what you mean; Mean what you say.

Matthew 5:37 Just say a simple, 'Yes, I will,' or 'No, I won't.' Your word is enough. To strengthen your promise with a vow shows that something is wrong.

4) Do what you say.

Matthew 12:36-37 you must give an account on judgment day of every idle word you speak. The words you say now reflect your fate"