

Your Words: From Ignorance to Informed
Taming the Tongue Pt 4
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Judges 11:31, 34 ...I will give to the Lord the first thing coming out of my house to greet me when I return in triumph. I will sacrifice it as a burnt offering." ...When Jephthah returned home to Mizpah, his daughter—his only child—ran out to meet him, When he saw her, he tore his clothes in anguish. ...

Ignorance is exposed when you have a hard time following through on what you say you will do.

Ignorance results in

Naivete

Proverbs 14:15 A gullible person believes anything, but a sensible person watches his step.

Overly optimistic approach

Proverbs 19:2 Zeal without knowledge is not good; a person who moves too quickly may go the wrong way.

Hasty decisions

Luke 14:28 "But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first getting estimates

Broken Commitments

Leviticus 5:4 "If you hastily take a vow about what you will or will not do and then ignore it ... you will be guilty.

MY LIFE'S PURSUIT: A life characterized by Godly wisdom.

James 3:17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure...peace loving, gentle ... willing to yield to others....full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no partiality and is always sincere.

1) Pursue the counsel of more experienced folks.

Job 8:8-10 Pay attention to the experience of our ancestors. For ...know so little. ... those who came before us will teach you. They will teach you from the wisdom of former generations.

2) Adopt a deliberate decision-making process.

Proverbs 22:3 A prudent person foresees the danger ahead and takes precautions; the simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.

3) Always be ready to make 'mid-course adjustments'.

Proverbs 15:31-32 If you listen to constructive criticism, you will be at home among the wise. [32] If you reject criticism, you only harm yourself;

4) Make a habit of admitting your mistakes.

James 5:16 So admit your sins to each other, and pray for each other so that you will be healed.