

Christian Words and Actions

Human nature is always comparing one person to another to see if there is anything better we'd like to imitate or learn from someone else. Christians' words and actions determine the opinion others have about Christianity. We need to be careful about what we say and do.

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. (Proverbs 15:1)

There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him; haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers. (Proverbs 6:16-19)

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16b)

And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth. (2 Timothy 2:24-25)

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. (James 1:19-21)

He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. (Colossians 4:6)

But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. (Matthew 12:36)

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1. What character qualities should we be demonstrating by our words?
 2. What does it mean to have our conversation "seasoned with salt?"
 3. How can I let my light shine?
 4. What do our words and actions say about us?
 5. Discuss the statement, "actions speak louder than words."
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MEMORIZE: Matthew 5:16

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