

At Your Weakest Moment

Our adversary is no fool. He's not going to waste time and effort by working against your strengths. He will attack you when you are the weakest and where you are most vulnerable.

Here's an example: Someone has had harsh words to say about you. They have assumed the worst, impugned your motives, jumped to false conclusions, spread rumor and innuendo about you. How will you react? You are angry, hurt, insulted, disgusted. The strong temptation is to strike back, to get even, to put this person "in his place". *But, you must not submit to the temptation. God's word says, "Never pay back evil for evil to anyone... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Rom. 12:17,21).* It's hard to follow this instruction at the moment, because you are weak and vulnerable. But this course of action is best – the Lord says so, and our own experience bears this out.

During such times of weakness and vulnerability, we should pray as David did, "*Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips. Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, to practice deeds of wickedness with men who do iniquity; and do not let me eat of their delicacies*" (Ps. 141:3,4).

We've been warned that Satan has many "devices" (2 Cor. 2:11). Chief among these is his ability to detect our weaknesses and attack us there. Please realize that you must work hardest during your weakest moments, because that is when Satan is at work against you.

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Bible Study 6:30 PM



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"...speaking the truth in love..." Eph. 4:15

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How are you using your words?

There have been many studies trying to understand how we communicate and use language. On average each adult uses around 16,000 words each day. Some people use more and some people use less, but we are a very communicative species. By the time we are around one year old we begin to communicate using words. We continue to add to our vocabulary and our use of words continues to grow through midlife.

The question for us today is: How are we using all those words each day? How are we using all that time and energy each day? We put a lot of effort into trying to communicate with the people around us, to express our thoughts and feelings?

For many of us we fall into habits of communication, the use of certain words or the topics we talk about can almost seem to take on a life of their own. Sadly, many fall into gossiping, lying, backbiting, cursing, telling course jokes all ways of communicating that can have a negative impact on those around us. When we use our words in this way, we will often have to pay a heavy cost. We may lose family, friends, spiritual family, credibility, the respect of others, and possibly even our hope of a home with God in heaven.

When Jesus was speaking to a crowd He emphasized the importance of how we choose to use our words. Each word we speak one day will be judged by God. "*I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.*" (Matthew 12:36-37) The words we speak suddenly take on great importance when we realize that each word will one day be judged and could condemn us.

Paul also reminded us that our words should be used wisely for the benefit of those around us. Any word we speak that others can hear has an impact on them. "*Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.*" (Ephesians 4:29)

Each time we open our mouth we have a decision to make. We can use our words to build up the people around us or tear them down. How we use our words each day can have a great impact on our own lives and the lives of those around us. ~Brad Tolbert

Memory Verse

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

- Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV)

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TODAY'S EVENTS

- Worship livestreamed at 10:30
- Small Group Studies at 5:00

Congratulations to **Samantha Tannehill** on her **baptism into Christ** on Friday, February 25th.

Ann Pruitt's sister-in-law, **Elaine Clay**, had open heart surgery last Sunday and it went well.

Rick Naron's tumor has returned. Pray for effective treatment and healing.

Keith Sowell's lung transplant surgery went well. Let's keep him in our prayers as he has a long road ahead.

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the **Meet & Greet** with the **Walker Family** last Sunday!

Former Harding University professor and author, **Eddie Cloer**, will be our guest speaker **today**.

All *Ladies* are invited to the **Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class** every Wednesday morning at 10:00 in room 134 at the building.

Daylight Savings Time begins **March 13**. Remember to **set your clock forward** by one hour next Saturday night (12th).

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Fern Baker...Linda Bates...Pam Beard...Tony & Judy Beard...Terry Boykin... Roger & Margaret Harris... Ray Leonard... Joe and Peggy Moore...Molly and Rebekah Perry... LaVerne Potter...Eddy & Suzette Russell.. Cheryl Shirey... Rita Stiles... Mandy Tolbert... Carolyn Wilson...Donnie & Janice Wright

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



- March 9** Carolyn Wilson
- 11** Joanna Meier
Walter & Rita Stiles
- 12** Barbara Durham
- 17** Seth & Lindsey Baker
- 18** Regina Dunn
- 19** Brooks Newton
- 23** Mathew & Samantha Tannehill
- 24** James Robert Miller
Sawyer Smith
- 25** Becky Colvin

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

- 7** Joshua 10-12
- 8** Joshua 13-15
- 9** Joshua 16-18
- 10** Joshua 19-21
- 11** Joshua 22-24
- 12** Judges 1-3
- 13** Judges 4-6



Heart-To-Heart cont'd...

A card of thanks:

“Thank you for the beautiful plant arrangement. We are blessed to have you in our lives. Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers during this time. The Shirey’s”

About today's guest speaker:

Eddie Cloer attended Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas; Oklahoma Christian in Oklahoma City; and Harding Graduate School of Bible and Religion in Memphis, Tennessee. He holds the Bachelor of Arts, Master of Theology, and Doctor of Ministry degrees.

Having begun his preaching career at age fifteen, he has preached the gospel for over forty years. He has preached in more than 850 gospel meetings in thirty-five states of the USA, London, England, Singapore, and Ukraine.

He is the author of two Truth for Today Commentaries, *Psalms 1—50* and *Psalms 51—89*, as well as several books, including: *What Is "the Church?"*.

In 1981, Mr. Cloer began editing and publishing *Truth for Today*, a monthly publication for preachers and teachers. In 1990, with World Bible School teachers and the Champions church of Christ in Houston, Texas, he began the Truth for Today Printed Preacher School.

Attendance

- Bible Class97
- Sunday AM Worship... 112
- Sunday PM Worship..... 83
- Wed. Evening82
- Contribution..... \$3,807

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- Mar 20** Judy Beard
- Mar 27** Pam Beard

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- Cards:** Jill Curtis
- Food:** Fran Calvert
Laura Smith