

I DECLARE WAR—PART 2
“SPEAK LIKE A WOLF!”
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Matthew 15:10-11—“Jesus called the crowd to Him and said, ‘Listen and understand. What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.’”

A Wolf’s Communication:

- **Dissonance**
- **Body Language & Facial Expressions.**

My Words Carry A Lot of Weight

The Big Idea:

If Jesus is Lord of My Life, He’s Lord of My Mouth, Too!

James 3:3-10 (LB)—“We can make a large horse turn around and go wherever we want by means of a small bit in his mouth. And a tiny rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot wants it to go, even though the winds are strong. So also the tongue is a small thing, but what enormous damage it can do. A great forest can be set on fire by one tiny spark. And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is full of wickedness, and poisons every part of the body. And the tongue is set on fire by hell itself and can turn our whole lives into a blazing flame of destruction and disaster. Men have trained, or can train, every kind of animal or bird that lives and every kind of reptile and fish, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is always ready to pour out its deadly poison. Sometimes it praises our heavenly Father, and sometimes it breaks out into curses against men who are made like God. And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Dear brothers, surely this is not right!”

My Words...

1) Impact Other People

Proverbs 18:21—“The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.”

Ephesians 4:29 (NLT)—“Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.”

Colossians 4:6 (Message)—“Be gracious in your speech. The goal is to bring out the best in others in a conversation, not put them down, not cut them out.”

James 1:19-20—“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.”

2) Impact The Future

Matthew 17:20—“He replied, ‘Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.’”

Genesis 2:19—“Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.”

3) Impact Me

Psalms 100:4—“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise his name.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18—“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Are You Ready To Declare War On Your Words?!