

Working Wisdom into our Character

Study Guide

The Bible has a lot to say about our character, which includes the attitudes of our heart, the words of our mouth, our actions, our integrity and our reputation. Our character reveals our true identity to others. It is God's desire that our character will reveal Him to those around us.

1. According to Matthew 12:34, where do our words come from? Our words reveal our character and what is really in our heart. (Read Proverbs 4:20-24 for more insight.)

2. Read Matthew 12:35-37. Do our words really matter? What will we be held accountable for? In what way, according to verse 37? What kind of words come from your mouth? (Encouraging and uplifting or mean spirited and degrading?)

3. Wrong words come from wrong thoughts that dwell in our hearts. Whatever we hide in our hearts, will eventually come out of our mouth. What kind of thoughts are we to think on according to Philippians 4:8-9? What have you been thinking about?

4. What are the positive results of good words that you find in Proverbs 10:19-21? What are the negative results of unrighteous words?

5. Read Psalm 19:14 and write it out. May this be the prayer of our hearts this week!

How would your life change if you really believed that God hears every word you speak as well as every thought and attitude of your heart? Ask God to guide what you say and how you think. If it's important to God, it should be important to us as well!