SERMON NOTES

Sunday, May 17, 2009

"<u>THE POWER OF WORDS</u>"

(Proverbs 18:21)

There is great power in our words. What are you doing with the word-power God has entrusted to you today?

"Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. And, so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!" (James 3:9-10 NLT)

1. _____ people...

"Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all he has done" (Colossians 2:7, NLT).

"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NLT).

2. _____ people...

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" (1 Thessalonians 5:11, NIV).

"But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness" (Hebrews 3:13, NIV).

3. _____ people...

"So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it" (Hebrews 4:16, NLT).

"Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all Christians everywhere" (Ephesians 6:18, NLT).

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"In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son" (Hebrews 1:1-2, NIV).

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1. <u>Appreciate</u> people...

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"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NLT).

"As he entered a village there, ten lepers stood at a distance, crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" (Luke 17:12-18, NLT).

2. Encourage people...

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" (1 Thessalonians 5:11, NIV).

"While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven" (Luke 24:51, NIV).

"But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness" (Hebrews 3:13, NIV).

3. <u>Pray for</u> people...

"So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it" (Hebrews 4:16, NLT).

"Whenever Aaron enters the Holy Place, he will bear the names of the sons of Israel over his heart on the breast piece of decision as a continuing memorial before the LORD. Also put the Urim and the Thummim in the breast piece, so they may be over Aaron's heart whenever he enters the presence of the LORD. Thus Aaron will always bear the means of making decisions for the Israelites over his heart before the LORD" (Exodus 28:29-30, NIV).

"Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all Christians everywhere" (Ephesians 6:18, NLT).

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace" (Numbers 6:24-26, NIV).