



# Weekly Devotion

## Speaking with Power and Authority

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me"  
Psalms 51:10

Understanding that relationships are created, developed, and sustained by communication should make us consider the myth of "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me". Bones heal within four to six weeks, words can hurt for years. A more true-to-life quote that has been proven over centuries is "the pen (a metaphor for words) is mightier than the sword". Words have been responsible for starting and stopping wars, replacing hatred with love, facilitating healing, creating and destroying relationships, forming new countries, and sharing the Word of God by ministering to others (or, if delivered ineffectively, turning them into adversaries of Christianity). Words make a difference, especially for a Christian since they are the foundation of our witness and the resonance of our hearts – which is why the heart, tone, and manner of delivery of our message is so important.

Even though delivery is important, elo-



quence and polish in verbal communications dying a slow death in today's world, as are data assimilation and slick deliveries. People, especially the latest and upcoming generations, are not easily moved by what we say or how well we say it but by our conviction and our authenticity.

When communicating, the right motive with the right heart drives the right words in the right order in the right tone at the right time.

Effective communicators and those who make a large impact in the world are clear about how to move the minds and hearts of those they are speaking with using a

specific approach. They are more aware of the target audience they are communicating with than what they are going to say. They act as a vessel to be poured out rather than a show to be performed. They believe with all of their faith that God will do great works in every conversation regardless of how well they said it or how good it may sound, simply because they were genuine in their approach and cared with the heart of Christ. They focused mainly on being relevant rather than competent and impressive. The end result being a message that resonates with its intended audience making a positive impression so it is received with fewer barriers of skepticism or suspicion. Consider your heart when speaking today and watch what gets spoken.

Question: How would my message to others be received if I put a Godly heart behind the words?

*"Discovering new ways and words to improve communication is intelligence. To discover a new heart behind the words you use is wisdom."*

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