

Soaring to New Heights – With Words

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I. Introduction.

- A. Many people will come into contact with your words.
- B. Our words are important to God. (Psalm 101; Proverbs 10:11; 27:9)

II. Words are like oil and perfume.

- A. The quality of the oil is determined by the source. The heart is the source of speech. (Psalm 73:8-9; Proverbs 4:23; Matthew 12:34; Psalm 19:14)
- B. When oil is too hot it will scorch and when it is too cold it will harden. Our words should be warm. Kind words comfort. (Ephesians 4:21; 1 Peter 3:9)
- C. Oil was used to prepare food. Our words can feed the hungry. One of our highest duties is encouragement. (Proverbs 16:24; 18:20; 31:26; 12:25; 2 Corinthians 16:18)
- D. Oil was medicinal. Our words should heal instead of hurt. (Psalm 140:3; Proverbs 18:13; 26:23)
- E. Oil was a cosmetic or beautifying agent. Our words should show acceptance and build up. (Proverbs 16:1-4; Ephesians 4:25; Proverbs 12:25)
- F. Oil was used for light. Our words should bring light. (Psalm 119:105; Proverbs 14:1; 2 Corinthians 2:16)
- G. Oil was used to consecrate and anoint. Our words are important for our consecrated task of sharing the gospel. (1 Peter 3:15; Colossians 4:3)

Application questions:

- 1. What are some examples of speech that is too hot or speech that is too cold?

- 2. What are some practical ways you can encourage other people?

- 3. What steps can you take to use your words more constructively?

