

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

Matthew

FROM TAX COLLECTOR TO APOSTLE

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Num. 30:2, Ps. 56:11-13

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When we adopt these Biblical habits, we can build up God's Kingdom better by:

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Prov. 11:3, Col. 4:5-6, Eph. 4:29-32

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Reflecting on God's Word

Getting Started

- Take some time to read over Matthew 5:33-37 and pray.
- Have you ever read or heard about this before? What stood out to you as we were talking about it?
- Among Christians, what do you think is the most commonly made mistake when it comes to using our words?

Diving In

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- What are your standards for your words, and how does that match up with God's standards for your words?
- Why do you think God has such a high regard for our words??

Of the habits to avoid, which one(s) do you most commonly make? Why do you think that is?

- Who does it affect when you fall into that/those bad habits?
- How does it affect your relationship with God when you fall into that/those bad habits?
- How would it change your life if you could avoid that/those bad habits?

Of the habits to adopt, which one(s) are you already doing, and which one(s) are the most difficult for you to adopt? Why is that?

- How do you think it would affect your relationship with others if you were to adopt all of the Biblical habits regarding your words?
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We can have a better impact on God's Kingdom when we avoid making sinful mistakes and adopt Biblical habits concerning our words. What do you think would be the biggest impact you would make on God's Kingdom if you were to avoid the mistakes and adopt the Biblical habits that we talked about in the message?

Applying the Scripture

What are your biggest takeaways from this passage of God's Word?

- What practical step(s) do you need to implement in your life to apply what God has taught you in this passage of Scripture?
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