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Some thoughts on words

"Watch your thoughts, they become your words.
Watch your words, they become your actions.
Watch your actions, they become your habits.
Watch your habits, they become your character.
Watch your character, it becomes your destiny."
Anonymous

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"Words are the most powerful thing in the universe... Words are containers. They contain faith, or fear, and they produce after their kind."
Charles Capps

His thoughts on words

Luke 6:45

⁴⁵"The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks."

"Listen to your words, and listen to your heart speaking."

What kind of seed are we sowing?

Proverbs 18:21

²¹Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

Not just mere words

Hebrews 11:3

³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

see also Hebrews 1:3

No faith, no believer ☹

Hebrews 11:6

⁶But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

No Word, no faith.

Little Word, little faith.

Romans 10:17

¹⁷So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

The importance of preaching

Romans 10:11-14

¹¹For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. ¹³For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." ¹⁴How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

What are we preaching?

Romans 10:15-17

¹⁵And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" ¹⁷So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

The progression

- Sent by God
- Preaching/declaring the Word
- Believing His Word
- Calling on His Name
- Salvation "not being put to shame"

The Word is near you

Romans 10:8-10

⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): ⁹that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Agree with God

Hebrews 13:5-6

⁵Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"