



NORTHEAST

Message Notes

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More Than Words

“Speak Freely” — Part 3

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Ephesians 4:29 “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”

James 3:2 “We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.”

1. We have the right to _____

First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America –
“**Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.**”

Matthew 12:36 “But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken.”

We may have a right, but we _____ a higher authority!

We support and obey the laws of our land, but we serve and are _____ to the authority of Jesus and God’s word.

2. We have the right to keep our _____

To plead the fifth means to refuse to answer a question, especially in a criminal trial, on the grounds that you might incriminate yourself.

Proverbs 29:20 “Do you see someone who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for them.”

Proverbs 18:6-7 “The lips of fools bring them strife, and their mouths invite a beating. ⁷ The mouths of fools are their undoing, and their lips are a snare to their very lives.”

Proverbs 17:28 NLT “Even fools are thought wise when they keep silent; with their mouths shut, they seem intelligent.”

a. _____ do we need to keep our mouths shut?

• When we don’t know the _____

Proverbs 12:22 “The Lord detests lying lips but he delights in people who are trustworthy.”

• When we don’t have a _____ account, or it does not _____ the situation

Proverbs 11:13 “A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret.”

• When we are _____, or _____ of _____

Proverbs 15:1 “A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.”

• When we are _____

Proverbs 11:9 “With their mouths the godless destroy their neighbors, but through knowledge the righteous escape.”

Romans 12:19-21 “Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

3. Speak as _____

James 3:2 “We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.”

John 8:36 “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

1 Peter 2:13-25 “Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, ... ²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” ²⁵ For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”

a. Speak the _____ in _____

Ephesians 4:15 “Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.”

Galatians 4:16 “Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth?”