

- a. Words are works – take 2. Words are offering of worship. Consider your work place (business or home) as an altar: is God receiving your worship in words at that place?

If not, what effect do you think your words are having on your witness with others? Your joy at work? Your level of satisfaction at work?

1. Take time to think through your typical communication.
 2. Ask people to give you feedback on how you speak around the workplace.
 3. Consider what heart issues may be “speaking” – entitlement, pride, contempt, selfish ambition, fear, bitterness or revenge. NOTE: these are the “loyalties” we discussed this week.
 4. Ask God for forgiveness for such things; ask Him to help you live for Him at work: His agenda, His message, His methods.
 5. Pick an accountability partner to be a “judge” for you.
- b. We often think that external circumstances – relationships, our physical ailments and the culture “make” us say certain things. Think through your recent arguments with people – are you rightly placing responsibility for your words where it belongs: you?

Remember, the controlling element on your speech is NOT found outside of you.

- c. This week we discussed “loyalties.” In other words, what rules the heart will direct the speech.

List all of the things that matter to you in life (good and bad).

Ask God if your commitment to these things has become a ruling loyalty.

- d. Ask a significant other what he or she thinks your loyalties really are. Compare his or her list to your own. Ask for accountability from that person and help from God!