

How To Answer Each Person

"I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak." Matthew 12:36, English Standard Version

Colossians 4:5,6 – We must _____ how to _____ each person.

Our Words Should Be A Significant Area Of Concern

- A. A problem that concerns all people:
 - 1. Acts 23:1-5 – Did Paul say what he _____ have said?
 - 2. James 3:8-10 - _____ human being can _____ the tongue.
 - 3. Churchill: We are _____ of the _____ we let slip out.
- B. Careless words can lead to serious consequences:
 - 1. 1 Samuel 25:10 – Nabal's words almost led to the _____ of all the _____ of his household.
 - 2. Ecclesiastes 10:20 – A _____ of the _____ may carry your _____ and lead to serious consequences.
 - 3. Matthew 12:36 – We will give _____ for _____ words.

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- A. Colossians 4:5,6 – Two concepts should guide what we say:
God's _____ and God's _____.
- B. Wise guidance for grace-filled answers:
 - 1. Psalm 19:14 – Are my words _____ to the _____?
 - 2. Nehemiah 2:4 – Do we _____ for God's guidance before we give our _____?
 - 3. Ecclesiastes 10:20 – Our words come from our _____. Purifying our _____ will positively affect our _____.
 - 4. 1 Peter 3:15 – The answers we give should be with _____ and _____.
 - 5. Galatians 6:1 - _____ those who are caught in _____ in a spirit of _____.
 - 6. Ephesians 4:31,32 – We can counteract _____, _____, etc. by remembering that God has _____ us.
- C. Proverbs 15:1 – Everyday experiences confirm that a _____ answer can turn away _____ (and *vice versa*).

1 Peter 2:21-23 – The ultimate example of how to answer others is that of _____ as He _____ for us. Let us be like Him!

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