Words are powerful. Throughout the history of our world, words spoken have changed the course of history. Consider the words of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. in his “I Have a Dream” speech or perhaps the words of President John F. Kennedy with “Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country” in his inauguration address. Both Dr. King and President Kennedy’s words ignited a fire for change that was needed and good and led to justice and social change that is still alive today.

Our own words are powerful as well. Consider the times that we have spoken words such as “I forgive you” or said “I love you” to a family member or friend. Perhaps the words spoken were said at just the right time, when someone needed to hear them the most. The words spoken cannot only impact others in a good and positive way, but bring healing to ourselves.

In the present day when too many words that are spoken in our world seem to be meant for destructive purposes or for advancing personal agendas, perhaps we need to remember the use and meaning of words for good in the Bible. In fact words were used in the beginning when the earth and everything in it was formed.

According to the book of Genesis, God did not create the heavens and the earth and everything in it out of resources or materials at hand, but instead God created by speaking words, as stated in Genesis 1:1-5 “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.” (NIV)

According to the book of John, the Word of God existed before the creation of the heavens and the earth. The Word also took part in the creation with God and was responsible for the creation of life as noted in John 1:1-5, 14 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it….The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” The Word eventually took human form and lived among us as Jesus Christ. Jesus spoke...
the Word of God with power, meaning, and clearness.

Paul gives us advice on how we should use our words as he tells Christians at Ephesus how to conduct themselves in their new lives in Christ in 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.”

Let us all use our words to glorify God and for building up His kingdom, remembering Psalm 19:14 “May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.” Amen.

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