

Words [Matthew 5.31-37]

What is Jesus talking about here?

Matthew 13.1-23

Words

Create -
Genesis 1

John 1

Sustain –
John 6.68

Define –
Matthew 12.34-35

A higher standard
Psalm 33.6,9

Hebrews 6.13-18

Hard to believe?

The problem with oaths

[big questions]

What are the things you say and the way you say them revealing about you?

Do people find you to be hard to believe?

What needs to change in order for your word to be enough?

Memorize this-

A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

-Luke 6.45 (NIV)

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Why do you think it is so difficult for us to tell the truth all of the time?

Describe a situation or two when you were honest and people didn't believe you. Why do you think they didn't believe you?

What are some things that we do to try to get people to believe the things we are saying?

How does this affect your relationships? What does this reveal about your character?

What are some things you think you might need to change in order to be a person whose words are trustworthy?

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