

2 Sam 23:2 (NLT)

*The Spirit of the LORD speaks through me;
His words are upon my tongue.*

Words, they can harm and they can heal.
They can make you cry or laugh.
They can find you guilty or innocent.
But eventually they will expose who you really are.
Kind of scary if you think about it. But only if you have something to hide.

Listen to your words this week and what you say. How honest are you?
When you're at work, do you have a different way of talking then you do on Sunday at church? If you do, which one is the real you, the work person or the Sunday church person?

Here are two examples of words being used.

† **Matt 26:49** *Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.*

This is talking of Judas who betrayed Jesus, even his words were betraying. "Greetings, Rabbi!" that sounds like a friend or someone who honors you. But as we know they were neither, but were words of betrayal.

Now how about the second example, which are words of love.

† **John 8:10-11** *When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."*

So many accusers but the only one who can rightly accuse doesn't. But instead His words are words of love, "Neither do I condemn you." That's our Lord and Savior Jesus talking.

Which way would you like your speech to be?
One that pleases the crowd like Judas did.
Or one that is against the crowd, speaking God's will?
The choice is yours; after all it's your mouth!

† **Job 16:5** *But I would strengthen you with my mouth, And the comfort of my lips would relieve your grief.*