



FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

What to Read

1 Timothy 4:12 + Matthew 12:33-36

LOOK IN THE MIRROR

Where do you have a mirror in your home? Why do you have it there? When you look in the mirror, what do you see? In short, mirrors reflect. That is what they do. What is front of them, is what you see. What do others see, hear or experience when they are around you? Is your life a close reflection of Jesus to others? In Matthew 12:33-36, Jesus shares an important lesson about the power of our words and the condition of our hearts. He compares our speech to a tree, making the point that a good tree produces good fruit, while a bad tree produces bad fruit. Similarly, a person's words share the condition of their heart. Our words have the power to build up or tear down, to encourage or discourage. This serves as a reminder for our family to be mindful of our speech, ensuring that our words reflect the love and goodness that come from a heart aligned with God. This is one way that we can set an example of Christ to the people around us - speech is a distinguishing trait for Christians.

Family Questions

1. What example do people get from us?
2. What is one area we can improve on that would result in a better example?
3. Why is speech such an important part of our example?
4. What does our speech say about the state of our heart?
5. Are there things like music, shows or friends that might be impacting our speech?

PRAYER PROMPTS

1. *Pray that God will help you set an example with your life*
2. *Ask God for wisdom on where your speech can be more Godly*
3. *Thank God for grace as we work on our example*

Memory Verse

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