

Psalm 12 - Part 2
"Telling the Truth"

Our Speech Is to Honor God and Serve Our Fellow Man

Requires Nothing Less Than to Be Filled with the Holy Spirit of God - Eph 5:18

- Our words are reminders of our source - Prov 4:23; Matt 15:18; 12:34
 - ...recognize the Holy Spirit lives in us; realize He wants to fill us; release the flooding of His character into our entire being - Ro 8:5-8
- Yield our "lips" to God as instruments of righteousness - Ro 6:12-13,19
 - ...we consecrate the members of our body to tell the truth - Ro 12:1-2
 - ...make each word a gift

Intend to Speak the Truth in Love - Eph 4:15

- Truth was imparted to us in Christ - Eph 4:21,24
 - ...God never asks out of us what He has not already put within us - Eph 4:25
- We are to put off all falsehood - Eph 4:25
 - ...we do not need lying/weapons of darkness and longer - Eph 5:7-8
- We are to put on truth telling - Col 3:9
 - ...a gift that will impart grace - Eph 4:29
 - ...our goal is to build up, not tear down with our words - Eph 4:29

Conclusion:

- Accept the reality of life in a fallen world - Jo 16:33; 1 Pet 4:12
- Avoid being immersed in this world as if it were ultimate reality - 1 Jo 4:4
- Be compelled by the love of God to be a truth teller - Eph 4:15, 25
- Be slow to speak in order to filter out the "garbage" - Eph 4:19; Phil 4:8; 1 Cor 13:4-7; Col 3:17
- Make every word a gift that honors God and serves our fellow man - Col 3:17
 - (...and find yourself in the "safety" of God every time!) - Ps 12:5