

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for December 15, 1985

Speaking Out From Your Heart
Matthew 12:33-37
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Introduction:

Dating is an example of who we are being manifest. Each time we spend time with the other person we know better who they are.

The Pharisees said that Jesus was casting out demons by the power of Satan thereby exposing their hardened hearts against Jesus.

1. Who we are will be manifest:

You shall know them by their fruit. Here are the Pharisees observing Jesus and Jesus is bearing fruit. Jesus is bearing good fruit. The Pharisees ignore the logic of good fruit equals good tree and move to the irrational logic of good fruit equals bad tree.

2. We will manifest who we are through our speech:

The tree must be judged by its fruit. By what we do say, we will be known.

Isaiah 6 is talking about expressions that have crossed his lips revealing his heart.

Our speech will tell us if we are with Christ or against Christ.

3. Our speech will, in a sense, determine our judgment:

Romans 3:10-18—Against Him

1 Peter 2:9—With Him

Verses 36-37, by words justified and condemned. Even careless words will render a judgment.

What do your words tell you about yourself?

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