

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

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"Stop Kidding Yourself"

James 1:19-27

Confessing speech is any speech directed to God that acknowledges our sin and agrees with Him concerning it.

Conciliatory speech is any speech directed to man that seeks to overcome hostility.

When hostility toward us is indirect

When we become aware that someone may be angry with us we must go quickly.

We need to purpose not to retaliate.

We need to purpose to hear. We need to purpose to hear the offense they have against us and the basis of their accusation.

If we in fact see our guilt then it would be very appropriate for us to ask forgiveness.

Acknowledge that you have sinned.

Identify the specific sin by its biblical name.

Identify an alternative biblical behavior to demonstrate repentance.

Ask for forgiveness.

We need to respond by speaking well of them.

Acknowledge that you have taken their accusation seriously.

Express to them the value that you place on a good relationship with them and your need to be forgiven by them even though at this time you have been unable to see your guilt.

Formerly ask for their forgiveness.

Then if appropriate ask them if they would pray with you.

Thankful speech is any speech directed to God or man that expresses gratitude for something good they have done, are doing or will do.

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Those who are saved should be at least in their behavior more closely identified with the church of Jesus Christ than with the world (Romans 1:18-21).

Those who are saved should be characterized by thanksgiving.

When we give thanks in everything we are not saying everything is good but we are saying by faith that God is working all things together for good (Romans 8:28).