

WORDS – Part 1

These WORDS are MY WORDS

Intro:

The bible has a lot to say about words. Words that are holy or idle or spirit-filled or destructive or full of blessing or full of cursing. Eternal words. Flawless words. Gentle words that can break bones or diffuse anger. Wise words and foolish words. Words of a gossip and words of a wise person. Empty meaningless words and words of spirit and life and power and truth.

WORDS are important. Language is sacred. Full of meaning. What we say – the words we speak – has creative power.

“May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight.” (Psalm 19:14)

1) Developing your own voice in worship

WORDS come from the HEART.

The bible expresses this fact positively:

*“What you say flows from what is in your heart.”
(Luke 6:45 NLT)*

It also expresses the same truth negatively:

*“The Lord says: “These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips,....[their words].... but their hearts are far from me.”
(Isaiah 29:13 NIV)*

Paul says in **1 Corinthians 14:15**

“I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.”

To develop your own voice in worship, you must cultivate your own heart and mind.

We should be *reasonable enthusiasts*! We are told to love God with all our heart and soul.... And with all our mind.

2) Developing your own voice in prayer

Read [Luke 18:9-14](#)

The parable of the pharisee and the tax collector

God loves prayer that comes from the heart!!!

The Pharisee had the lingo, the know how, the ornate prayer.
The tax collector had the heart.

It doesn't have to be ornate. It doesn't have to be lengthy. It doesn't have to feature words like "thee" and "thou".

It just has to be **your words**. From **your heart**.

Simple prayer. Breath prayer. Praying scripture is great.

Moses journey.

He started off describing himself as a tongue-tied stutterer.

["I don't talk well. I've never been good with words" \(Exodus 4:10 TM\)](#)

He finished up forty years later preaching on the plains of Moab, giving a sermon which takes up 70 pages of Hebrew text.

From a shepherd who couldn't talk to a preacher who couldn't stop talking.

Summary:

- 1) WORDS and language are very important.
- 2) Develop your own voice in worship and prayer.
- 3) WORDS come from the HEART and MIND.
- 4) Put the right things into your heart and mind.
- 5) Pray simple prayers. Breath prayers.
- 6) Lean on others. Use the bible. Learn verses. Make a start.
- 7) Be you. God loves you.