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Jesus makes it clear in this sermon that God cares about our hearts and their condition.

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We need to be very careful with how we make commitments in our lives.

### Proverbs 13:3

### Ephesians 4:29

### Matthew 28:19-20

Our words have so much meaning and power, we cannot allow them to be used for evil purposes, but should submit them to God and his purposes for us in our speech.

"Talk is cheap?" Why is that? It's because words are often so easily and readily spoken even if they mean nothing.

We cannot afford for our talk to be cheap when we are meant to be ambassadors of Christ.

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