

Curriculum Cue

Video/CD Title: 0422 Political Speak
Disc Start Time: 00:00

Author: Various Sources
Disc End Time: 19:27

Introduction: There is life and death in the power of the tongue. This sounds pretty important but it is important enough for us to pay attention to what we are saying? If we sound just like the people who are the least trusted in our society, what does that say about us?

Discussion 1: In one of the early clips, we saw Representative Mark Foley giving a speech. He was known in Congress as one of the biggest promoters of legislation designed to make life more difficult for those on the sex offender registry. Later it was learned that he had been sending sexually explicit text messages to teenage boys.

Drill Down 1:

- Have you ever targeted others for their indiscretions when you were involved in or struggled with the same thing?
- If so, what did this speak about your own character?
- What can you do to maintain Godly character regarding areas you struggle with?

Discussion 2: Politicians will say anything to promote their agenda.

Drill Down 2:

- Share a time in your life as a Christian that you lied, stretched or were creative with the truth in order to promote your agenda. Why?
- Was this done to support the things of God or the things of self?
- What can you do to recognize when you are in “agenda promotion” mode so you can repent of and renounce this behavior?

Discussion 3: Politicians, when challenged with their own mistakes or lack of integrity, most often become evasive to the issue.

Drill Down 3:

- When someone challenges you with some issue, how do you respond?
- If you really want to be transformed into the man God has called you to be, how might this be different?
- What can you do to improve in this area?

Discussion 4: Politicians often will use many words while they end up saying nothing at all.

Drill Down 4:

- Have you ever found yourself using flowery, religious words that lacked enough detail for anyone to hold you accountable?
- When you do, what are you avoiding?
- What can you do to be more accountable with what you communicate to others?

Post Class Instructions: Increase your awareness about how you use words noting that Scripture states that out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks. (Matthew 12:34)

Curriculum Cue Class Participation Checklist

Facilitator: _____ Date: _____ OSM Signature: _____

Check here if first time to facilitate.

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Attendee	I	1. √	2. √	3. √	Attendee	I	1. √	2. √	3. √
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	Drill Down Attendee	Pivot Point (Point of Repentance)
1.		
2.		
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Place a check mark √ in the “I” column for each attendee who offered input into the discussion.
Place a check mark √ next to attendee only if he assists in drill down. Each column represents one drill down.