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### **Communicating With Honor: The Determining Factor**

- **Our Speech Isn't An Accident, But A Clue To What's Inside Us**

**Luke 6:43-45** - *"A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. <sup>44</sup> A tree is identified by its fruit. Figs are never gathered from thornbushes, and grapes are not picked from bramble bushes. <sup>45</sup> A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.*

- **Fruit Is Always True To Character**

**James 1:22** - *But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.*

**Proverbs 4:23** - *Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life. (AMP)*

- **Jesus Demands More Than External Obedience. He Demands A Changed Heart**
- **Fruit Is Good Or Bad Depending On The Health Of The Tree**

**Romans 10:10** - *For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.*

- **Communicating With Honor Means Guarding Our Heart From The Things That Seek To Pollute It**

**Colossians 3:8** - *But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language.*

**Proverbs 27:19** - *As a face is reflected in water, so the heart reflects the real person.*

**Matthew 6:21** - *Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.*