

# REVIVAL MINISTRY

Sunday Sermonette "Eating Your Words!", April 19, 2020

*"For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned." Matthew 12:37 NIV*

*Read: Matthew 12:30-37*

Having to eat your words is one of your most unpleasant tasks. You can't put a little ketchup on them to make them taste any better. Drenching them with salt does not help. Even washing them down with hot coffee or a cold drink will not help you. Nothing takes away the bad taste of words spoke in haste, anger or deceit.

When was the last time you should have eaten your words? When did you let your tongue waggle without putting your brain in gear first? You have done it and so have I. But, we don't have to speak wrongly. If we concentrate on saying good things and lifting others up, we can stay away from the negatives that hurt others.

JESUS told Peter he would deny HIM three times before the rooster crowed. Peter thought he would never do such. But, he did. He denied he was a follower of CHRIST. He denied he even knew JESUS. Then, the rooster crowed and the guilt set in. Peter had to eat his words.

When was the last time the rooster crowed in your life? That bitter reminder of knowing you are about to eat your words spoke louder to you than any crowing of a rooster. "I am sorry" are shallow words at a time like that. Of course you should be sorry and the apology may bring forgiveness but it still does not remove the hurt caused by the words said without thinking first of their consequences. Ill timed words hurt others and they are hard for us to swallow.

Season your words with the love of JESUS before you allow them to be heard. They will taste a lot better leaving your mouth and you will never have to eat them.

Today's Prayer

"Thank YOU, LORD, for the wisdom of YOUR scriptures. Thank YOU also for forgiving me of my words that were not spoken in truth and grace. Help me to control my tongue and say only those things that are in YOUR will. Amen"

Feel HIS Blessings!

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