

Text: Ephesians 4:11–16

Call to Worship: Psalm 15

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 3:7–14

Theme: You must be speaking the Word for the Church to Grow.

Introduction:

In 1929 construction began on what would very briefly (only 4 months) be the tallest building in the world, the Chrysler Building. The Chrysler Building is made up of 3,826,000 bricks and is still the tallest brick structure in the world. At the end of Ephesians 2, Paul describes the church as a building. Jesus promised he would build his church in Matthew 16:18, but how are we the bricks laid? While many things should be considered to answer this question there is one in particular that we will look at this morning. The body grows and is built up by speaking the truth in love. Therefore, you must be speaking the Word for the Church to grow.

I. Scripture Must Be in Your Heart.

A. The Word of God Changes a Sinner

Hebrews 4:12–13; 1 Peter 1:23–25

B. The Word of God Completes a Christian

1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16–17

C. The Word of God Shields a Christian

Psalm 119:9–11; 37:30–31; Ephesians 6:11–17

II. Scripture Must Be in Your Mind.

Colossians 3:1-17

A. Be Taking in the Word

Deuteronomy 17:14–20

B. Be Thinking about the Word

Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1–3; Psalm 119:15–16

III. Scripture Must Be in Your Words.

A. Your Words will Edify Believers

Hebrews 3:7–14; Ephesians 4:15-16, 29

B. Your Words will Evangelize the Lost

Romans 10:13–17

C. Your Words will Exalt the Lord

Psalm 15:1–3

Conclusion:

Matthew 12:34

“George Fuechsel, an early IBM programmer and instructor, is generally given credit for coining the term [GIGO]. Fuechsel is said to have used "garbage in, garbage out" as a concise way of reminding his students that a computer just processes what it is given.”¹

Whatever you put into your heart and mind is what will come out. You must be speaking the Word for the Church to grow.

¹ <https://searchsoftwarequality.techtarget.com/definition/garbage-in-garbage-out>