

There is Hope Radio
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Attitude, Words, Behavior
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Your radio host is the Let's Get Real PreacherRichD of Creating Futures.

Today's broadcast is going to be another let's get real tough message. But I promise you it will also be a message of hope.

Truth and love sets people free. Truth and love brings deliverance. Truth and love brings positive change. Truth and love changes circumstances. Truth and love changes environments. We need to get honest and say that truth and love that is not implemented changes nothing. Each of us must take truth and apply it in our own life.

So let's get real. There are those who claim to be standing for truth, claim to be standing against evil, claim to be concerned for their family, their city, their community, their church, their state, their nation. The truth is maybe this is true.

But their attitudes, words, behavior reflect something different. Their character is lacking. Their character gets in the way of their message. This is especially the case of those who call themselves Christians but they manifest the characteristics of the evil one. I warned you this broadcast was going to get real. It's time to talk about the obvious.

Somebody has to be bold enough to say it. Listen, if you are going to claim to be a Christian and claim to be standing for what is right, your attitude, your words, and behavior need to reflect the traits of Jesus Christ. Even if you do not claim to be a Christian but claim to be standing for what is right, your message is not going to be heard by most or bring positive change if you are manifesting ungodly behavior.

So let's talk about attitude. If the only thing that comes out of your mouth is that those who disagree with you are the evil ones and you're the righteous one, you're not going to ultimately be heard. If you never acknowledge, admit, or confess that you have been wrong in something, you're going to not be heard or taken seriously.

Listen, we all fall short, not just those who we see as our enemies. So can you acknowledge that you're wrong at times? Can you acknowledge that you fall short at times? Can you acknowledge that you are not getting it right all the time?

So, let's talk about words. What words come out of your mouth? Are they condemning? Are they poisonous? Are they mocking? Are they filled with accusations, innuendos, inferences, nothing good to say about someone? Are your words filled with assumptions? Are your words the repeat of gossip and rumors? If so, you're not doing the work of speaking truth

and righteousness. You're doing the work of what the Bible calls the accuser of the brethren. You're doing the work of Satan. I told you, we're going to get real.

I know these are strong words. They're meant to be. If you're going to speak truth, speak it in love. If you're going to speak truth, attack the message instead of the messenger. Address the words, actions, behaviors, policies of a person more than on the person themselves. If instead you just focus on the person by questioning their motives, claiming to know their heart, acting as if you can read their mind, realize you may be totally wrong on some things, and realize that you most likely will reap what you have sown, the same will come back to you. People will question your motives, question your heart, question where you're coming from, if there's any sincerity to where you're coming from.

The next area we want to cover is behavior. If you're claiming to stand on truth and what is righteous, then your behavior should manifest godly character. Remember, insinuating, inferring, gossiping, attacking, condemning, labeling, name-calling, mocking, being spiteful, retaliating is not godly character. It is the character of the devil. To be blunt, it is hypocrisy. And I believe we have plenty of it in our society and in our nation.

Next topic I want to address is unholy alliances. If you're going to claim to be standing for truth and what is righteous, you better not have unholy alliances with others. Who do you associate with matters. Corrupt company breeds corrupt behavior. Having secret meetings, hidden agendas, does nothing but create suspicion. In another broadcast titled, Honesty, Integrity, and Transparency, I spoke about the fact that if you want to be someone who is listened to and trusted, you need to be a person that manifests honesty, integrity, and transparency. Unholy alliances do not breed honesty, integrity, and transparency. All they do is breed suspicion.

One other area I want to talk about. Who are you talking about? As we get close to the end of this broadcast, there are going to be listeners who are going to be asking themselves, who is he talking about? I'm talking about whoever the shoe fits. I'm talking to myself when I fall short of what I speak on, and I'm talking to every single person who this message applies to. It may or may not be to you, the listener. If it's not about you, no need to get offended. If it is about you, instead of getting offended, how about repenting? That actually will be our topic in our next broadcast.

Listen, this broadcast originates in Fairfield Bay, Arkansas, and so it's addressing some of the issues in Fairfield Bay. But I also believe it is the same issues in many cities across America. So some will start wondering who I'm talking about. I have some advice for you. Ask yourself if this message is about you. You can change you, you cannot change others.

If all of us would be honest, there are probably things I've shared that applies to all of us at various times in our life. So instead of pointing the finger at others or getting offended, how about praying? How about praying that God will take care of your tongue, your actions, your behavior? So what I'm going to do is take us into prayer, but before I do that, I want to go to some Bible verses to just get us focused. It will be specifically about the words that we speak, the things that we do.

Ephesians 4.29

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouth, but only such is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. Honestly, nowadays we see little building up and much more of corrupting talk.

Proverbs 26.20

For the lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases.
I absolutely love this proverb because it's right on. When rumors are no longer whispered, they stop. When criticizing, condemning, attacking, hating, insinuating, mocking is silenced, quarreling ceases. I think a lot of people are putting wood to the fire. I think there needs repentance in that area.

Proverbs 12.18

There is one whose rash words are like sword thrust, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Are your words bringing healing to a community, or nothing but spitefulness, division, envy, and hatred?

James 1.26

If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue, but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.

If you claim to be a Christ follower, but are not able to control the words you speak and how you speak, the scripture says you are deceived in your heart and even goes further than that. It says your religious acts are worthless.

Matthew 12.36-37

I tell you, in the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned. You may get away with your words and actions here on earth, but you will face the judge of all mankind when you die. Best to take care of your tongue and actions while you are still alive.

Well, enough hard words, let's go to Lord and prayer. Heavenly Father, I know this is a direct message. I know you know there is the potential of someone twisting what I have said. The potential of someone listening to decide to attack the message. There is the potential for some to take this message and try to use what was said against someone they know. Father God, if there is anyone listening that has that mindset, show them this message is not meant to attack others, but to get each of us to take a look at ourselves.

We are broken human beings. We fall short of your glory. We need your Holy Spirit to refine us, to purify our hearts, our attitudes, our words, and our actions. In fact, Lord God Almighty, we need a transformation in our cities. What we really need is a move of God in our homes, our churches, our communities, and our nation. We need a spirit of repentance to come upon our land. And Lord, it starts with us. So Lord, help us, help me to be aware of unhealthy attitudes and to keep watch on my words, the words that I speak, the actions that I manifest. And Lord, when others fall short, may we quickly repent. Lord, if we have manifested ungodly character in a public setting, may we repent publicly in Jesus' name.

Listen, there is hope. If we apply biblical principles in our life, our life will be more fruitful.

If we allow God to change us for the better, we will be an example for others to follow. If we walk in honesty, integrity, and transparency, we can be vessels that God uses to be influencers in our community. If we will be committed to praying for our communities, then there can be a move of God across our nation.

Listen to me, we, us, broken human beings, have the ability to create positive futures for those around us. But we have to make a choice to be different than who we've been if who we've been has not been helpful, if it's been harmful, and it hasn't been beneficial. You know, the Bible says that all things are lawful but not everything is beneficial.

And so it may be that you're right about some things you're taking a stand against, but how you're doing it could be the wrong method. Well, that's the end of this broadcast, and in our next broadcast we're going to be talking about a topic that most churches, most pastors won't talk about, and that's repentance. We're going to define what repentance is, we're going to talk about how repentance works, and then, well, we probably won't get to it, but then we're going to talk about public repentance. And I truly believe unless there's public repentance, there's not going to be a transformation in our society. I actually believe if there's not public, not just private repentance, but I believe if there's not public repentance, there's not going to be a move of God in our nation. I don't believe there's going to be a revival in our nation without there being some public repentance.

So God may even lead me to do a public broadcast where I need to publicly repent of anything that I have done that has been harmful to others and I've never truly made amends on it. Oh, that's another thing I have to say. It cannot be just public repentance, but along with public repentance, there needs to be amends.

There needs to be recompense if there's things that we have done. Wow, there is going to be some tougher, let's get real messages coming. I hope you know all these things that I share is out of love and I hope you understand that I'm not sharing out of pride or that somehow I've arrived.

I'm not speaking these truths because I've arrived. I'm speaking these truths because they're truths and they need to be said and I feel like many are not saying it.

Thank you for listening to There is Hope Radio.

By the way, I haven't said this, I keep forgetting to share this when I do these broadcasts. If you want to contact me for any reason, if you want to contact me to tell me you like what I'm sharing, you want to contact me to tell me you can't stand what I'm sharing on *There is Hope Radio*. If you want some help to work through some issues, you want somebody to pray with you, I just want to let you know I'm available.

You can reach me at a simple number to remember, 1-866-WANT-GOD. That's 1-866-WANT-GOD. That's 1-866-WANT-GOD. Or 1-866-926-8463. That's 1-866-926-8463. I should also mention that if you call that phone number that you can also request prayer and you can do it anonymously by leaving a prayer request or you can call up and ask for prayer and if we're not available you can leave your name and phone number, we'll call you back.

So we would love to pray with you. So if you have a prayer need, then please call 1-866-WANT-GOD and choose the option to leave your prayer request and we will be sure to pray for you. Again, thank you for listening to *There is Hope Radio*.

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