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The Power to Sow

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Within the pages of the Bible, we uncover a profound truth: Our words carry immense power. From Genesis to Revelation, the Word of

God reveals the transformative impact of our speech.

In Genesis, we witness the inherent creative power within language as God spoke, and it “was so.” This foundational narrative underscores the inherent creative force within language. Jesus, as the Living Word, demonstrates this power through His authoritative speech, bringing healing and restoration to receptive hearts.

However, the Bible also warns against the dangerous misuse of words. Proverbs cautions that the tongue, though small, wields unparalleled influence, capable of inflicting wounds deeper than any physical injury. Our speech, therefore, holds the power to sow seeds of life or death.

Moreover, our speech acts as a mirror reflecting the state of our hearts. Jesus taught that our words reveal what’s within us, highlighting the importance of guarding our words by infusing them with God’s grace and truth.

Ephesians further emphasizes the importance of speaking the “truth in love,” recognizing that authenticity and empathy have the power to uplift and unify.

Ultimately, the Bible offers a timeless perspective on the significance of our words. It challenges us to use our words wisely, mindful of its ability to either build up or tear down, to heal or harm. By aligning our words with God’s wisdom and love, we unlock their transformative potential, fostering positive change within ourselves and the world around us.



O Canada, We Stand on Guard for Thee!

by *Joanne Radke*

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On July 1, Canadians will celebrate our country’s history, culture, and achievements together with various activities and events.

Canada Day has been a national celebration and holiday since 1868 after Canada was recognized as a country that has the freedom to govern itself as a federation by Great Britain on July 1, 1867. In the first years of Dominion Day, provinces organized local festivities in celebration.

Canada, originally built on Christian principles, has over 25 Scripture verses etched in the glass and bricks of the parliament buildings. We need to stand with our leaders, believing that God will continue to have His dominion from sea to sea (Psalm 72:8).

Other Bible verses (just to name a few) remind us:

Be strong—1 Corinthians 16:13

Prosper—1 Chronicles 22:11-13

Christ has risen—Matthew 28:6

Remember the harvest—John 4:35

Be victorious—1 Corinthians 15:57

Walk in righteousness—Psalm 72:1

As you celebrate Canada Day, take a moment to thank God for giving us a nation where He reigns. Take time to pray for “God keep our land glorious and free. O Canada, we stand on guard for thee!”

Father God, today as we celebrate the birthday of Canada, we thank You for the beauty and freedom that we all share. Please keep our land free as we share in its blessings together. Give our leaders the wisdom to make the right decisions each day to follow Your will. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

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Rest and Renewal

by Andrew Burditt



Light of the World

by EMILY JAMES

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Have you ever observed the play of sunlight refracted through hanging crystals? Those crystals don't make light themselves; they reflect what's shining on them.

In many ways, we resemble these crystals. Our ultimate purpose is to mirror the light of Jesus to the world. John 1:7-9 says John came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. John himself was not the light; he was merely a vessel through which the true light, Jesus Christ, could be revealed to all.

The same is true for you. You are to shine Jesus' light to those around you so that they would know the true light of the world, Jesus. Matthew 5:14 (NLT) says you are the light of the world, like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.

How can we reflect the light of Jesus to those around us? Most important, we need to be close to Jesus, the real source of light. He gives us all we need to shine and help others see. When we spend time with Him through prayer and reading the Bible, the light of Jesus will shine through our lives as we interact with people around us.

Through acts of love, kindness, and the sharing of hope found in Jesus, we extend His light to others, fulfilling our role as conduits of His grace.

So, may we let the light of Jesus shine through us today, illuminating the way for those in need of His love and salvation.

NEED PRAYER?

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Throughout this wonderful country, the summer can be such an invigorating time as we take advantage of the warm weather, spend time outside, and often go away on a vacation. Life is so busy and can be incredibly fast-paced, so taking time away from your regular schedule is incredibly important.

Remember how you felt as a child! The weeks in June led to your summer break, where the days felt long, you could sleep in, and often families went on holiday. Many would hitch their trailers to their cars and go camping, or perhaps it was a beach holiday. For me, we would always go camping, swim in the many lakes around Ontario, and even head south of the border to see what places like Maine, New York, South Carolina, and Florida had to offer.

My wife and I have continued this tradition with our children and that time away from the daily grind is crucial as we rest, relax, and recharge our physical batteries.

As the familiar verses from **Psalm 23:2-3** remind us, **He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake** (NIV).

Every one of us requires the chance to rest and renew our spirits. As believers, there is the added benefit of spiritual renewal, because if we're honest with ourselves, there are days when life gets in the way and we don't pray as much as we should, or we don't spend as much time in God's Word as we want to.

The Bible is consistent in the way that it reminds us of the need for this rest and rejuvenation. This includes the traditional concept of the Sabbath, as well as the numerous times that we see Jesus seek peace, tranquility, and solitude. He craved that time to talk to His father, and to reflect and reconnect.

Psalm 46:10 stresses the importance of that calm, peaceful rest. The Lord says, **"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."**

As you make plans for a vacation—or even just time away from work—focus on yourself, on your spouse, your children, and your family. Rekindle relationships that may have become strained and allow your body and spirit to rest.

Most important, remember to embrace the sacred chance for spiritual renewal. Read the Scriptures, pray to God, and also listen. Take walks and free your mind and heart to hear what He has to say.

As we rest in God's Spirit, we will strengthen our relationship with Him, allowing Him to use our lives in the manner that is best for God's plans.

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint (Isaiah 40: 29-31).

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It's Time to Pray!



by GORDON ROBERTSON
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More than ever before, we need to pray for the United States and Canada. There's no doubt that our nations urgently need God's mercy, grace, guidance, and healing. We need a revival of His Word and His Spirit across our land. And the key to revival is always prayer.

When the first permanent English settlers sailed to the New World, their journey across the Atlantic was long and difficult. During that arduous winter crossing, the colonists had sharp disagreements and dangerous divisions. Their chaplain, the Rev. Robert Hunt, witnessed it all.

So when they finally anchored off Cape Henry, Virginia, Chaplain Hunt would not let them disembark until they had a time of fasting and repentance. Only then did they go ashore, plant a cross, have a prayer meeting, and dedicate this land to God. It was a defining moment in the history of the United States.

Let's go back to that commitment and examine ourselves.

Is there anything in our lives where we're not evidencing virtue? Are we loving our neighbour as ourselves?

Remember, our God is not the government. When Jesus comes back, He's not coming to take sides; He's coming to take over. The question for each of us today is, has He taken over me? Am I an ambassador of His kingdom? Am I submitting my thoughts, my words, and my deeds to His guidance?

Let's join with the prayers of those settlers. They were not perfect, just like we are not.

We must be willing to turn from anything that keeps us from God. When we ask Him to be Lord over every part of our lives, we have a very bright future. His mercies are new every morning, His love endures forever, and He wants to bless His children. God will come to us, have mercy on us, and heal us.

May God bless you, and may God bless the United States and Canada!

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