

Tough Statements From Jesus (1)

- John 6:60-69 -

- A. In the New Testament many people were seen following Jesus. He had something they needed. But when He taught the truth, many “_____ *no more with him*” (v.66).
- B. The message Jesus taught was not easy to comprehend. Jesus had disturbed their thinking.. He was calling for commitment, character change, devotion, sacrifice, dedication, and love...
- C. Rather than follow Him, they picked themselves up and hurried off (v.66), except the apostles (v.67,68).
- D. Why do some people _____ Jesus? What challenging statements of Jesus strike the core of our character?

1. “By Your _____ You Will Be _____... _____” (Matthew 12:36,37)

- A. Our _____ is the most difficult thing to control.
- B. Some people do not seem to mind what they say or how what they say sounds to others.
- C. _____ with words is what Jesus teaches. Words that are either _____ or _____...
- D. Our words “brand” our _____. They indicate to others who we are. They tell others the makeup of our heart (Matthew 12:34). Listen to _____ !
- E. What do I do to control my tongue? (1) Decide what kind of person you intend to be? (2) Take responsibility for what you say, (3) “If you can’t say something good, don’t” (Eph 4:29; Col 4:6), (4) Change your thinking, (5) Be among those who have “seasoned” speech (Eph 4:15; 2 Tim 2:25)

2. “Everyone that _____ upon a _____ to _____ her” (Matt 5:27,28)

- A. Three reasons why this is tough....
 - 1. *Lust is presented _____ and _____ more...*
 - 2. *People want the right to _____, not _____...*
 - 3. *The _____ is difficult to _____.*
- B. “_____” in this passage is the “willful act of the mind, of gathering thoughts together for the express purpose of feeding illicit desire.
- C. To avoid the lust, you must be committed to v.29,30.
- D. If we focus on Phil 4:8, we would eliminate lust...
- E. Can you hear what Jesus is saying to you?