"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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## Heart to Heart...

Words, words, words...millions of words come at us daily, weekly. With all the media accessibility on our computers and phones, there is no end to words. The danger of this, and yes, there is a danger as many ideas are formed from all these words. Life and convictions can be easily formed from these words. One can be easily overpowered by the words they hear.

God confused the languages of mankind at the tower of Babel. God knew man could be easily misled by their words and leaning on their own strength, so He confused the language. What do we learn?

Why do people not listen to the words that really matter, the words of Jesus? God's voice, Jesus' words are clear, distinctive and will lead one into the paths of righteousness and salvation. Why are His words different than man's? "...the words I have spoken to you are spirit and life." (John 6:63) The words of Jesus are life-giving, creating a spiritual longing leading to life in the soul!

When our pulpits become spiritually delinquent and doctrinally confused, no longer is the Word being proclaimed from Jesus. The result is people will drift away, enticed by different concepts and personal desires and life, the life of God is lost. The apostle Paul taught the young preacher Timothy: "Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction." (II Timothy 4:2) Preach God's word purely and even when it is not favorable among people.

We all have this life-giving message in our hands. The problem is more seem to listen to something other than God's word. Pay close attention to the life-giving, spiritual words that came from Jesus. We need to allow His words to have first place in our lives and His words are to make a difference in our lives and convictions. Proclaim His message. Press the message from

God on all occasions. Some won't like it, but they will be accountable. "He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day." (John 12:48) If the word Jesus spoke is going to be our judge, what words should we be paying attention to? Think about it!!!

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