

You Better Watch Your Mouth!

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INTRODUCTION

A man working in the produce department was asked by a lady if she could buy half a head of lettuce. He replied, "Half a head? Are you serious? God grows these in whole heads and that's how we sell them!"

"You mean," she persisted, "that after all the years I've shopped here, you won't sell me half-a-head of lettuce?"

"Look," he said, "If you like I'll ask the manager."

She indicated that would be appreciated, so the young man marched to the front of the store. "You won't believe this, but there's a lame-braided idiot of a lady back there who wants to know if she can buy half-a-head of lettuce."

He noticed the manager gesturing, and turned around to see the lady standing behind him, obviously having followed him to the front of the store. "And this nice lady was wondering if she could buy the other half" he concluded.

Later in the day the manager cornered the young man and said, "That was the finest example of thinking on your feet I've ever seen! Where did you learn that?" "I grew up in Grand Rapids, and if you know anything about Grand Rapids, you know that it's known for its great hockey teams and its ugly women."

The manager's face flushed, and he interrupted, "My wife is from Grand Rapids!" "And which hockey team did she play for?"

- Confident all of us have experienced our mouths getting us into trouble.
- Its amazing how much power is contained in the tongue.
- Often said, if babies came out with the developmental ability of 3yr old...I'd have a lot more kids..why?
- The tongue has the ability of performing great acts, both for good and for bad
- Subject of James 3:1-12

THE IMPORTANCE OF LANGUAGE

- Not many should become teachers v. 1
- If mouth is perfect, the man is perfect v. 2

SOME ILLUSTRATIONS

- Bits in the mouth of horses v. 3
- The rudder of ships v. 4
- The spark and the forest fire v. 6

ENORMOUS POWER OF THE TONGUE

- We can tame animals, but not the tongue; tongue is full of evil v. 7-8
- Blessings and cursing from the same muscle v. 9-10
- This is not congruent with Christian living v. 11-12

CONCLUSION