

## **Speaking without Love - 1 Corinthians 13:1a**

### **Hymns**

**420 - Take Time to Be Holy**

**304 - The Love of God is Greater Far**

**If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. - 1 Corinthians 13:1**

**1. Love must take the form of words.**

**1. What were words made for? How do they work?**

**2. All creation exists by God's word(s).**

**3. Words were made to make things, or become reality.**

**4. All creation was formed and is upheld by God's word, with love.**

**2. Words must always be spoken with love. Ephesians 4:15 - "speak the truth in love"**

**1. The Power of Words**

**1. Without love, becomes noise.**

**2. Without love, becomes chaos, and destructive.**

**2. Example 1: surgeon with a chainsaw, or a scalpel? Without love, words can destroy**

**3. Example 2: a bad surgeon with a scalpel? Without care (love), words can damage severely.**

**4. What happens when people speak with sinful tongues, without love? Gossip & Slander - James 3:1-12**

**1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.**

**2 For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.**

**3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well.**

**4 Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.**

**5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!**

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**6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.**

**7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind,**

**8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.**

**9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.**

**10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.**

**11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water?**

**12 Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.**

**5. Christ spoke all things with love.**

**3. Do we speak the Gospel?**

**1. Do we speak about the greatest message of Love?**

**1. The message of justification?**

**2. The message of sanctification? (Growth and edification)**

**2. Do we speak like the Gospel? Lovingly?**