

Oil and Perfume for the Body Beautiful

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I. Introduction.

- A. Many people will come into contact with your words.
- B. Our words are important to God. (Psalm 101; Proverbs 10:11; 27:9)

II. Words are like oil and perfume.

- A. The quality of the oil is determined by the source. The heart is the source of speech. (Psalm 73:8-9; Proverbs 4:23; Matthew 12:34; Psalm 19:14; Philippians 4:8; Proverbs 4:8)
- B. When oil is too hot it will scorch and when it is too cold it will harden. Our words should be warm. Kind words comfort. (Ephesians 4:31-32; 1 Peter 3:9; Proverbs 18:1-4)
- C. Oil was used to prepare food. Our words can feed the hungry. One of our highest duties is encouragement. (Proverbs 16:24; 18:20; 31:26; 12:25; 1 Samuel 22:16; 2 Corinthians 16:18; Numbers 13)
- D. Oil was medicinal. Our words should heal instead of hurt. (Proverbs 12:18; Psalm 64:3; Psalm 140:3; Proverbs 26:28; 26:23)
- E. Oil was a cosmetic or beautifying agent. Our words should show acceptance and build up. (Proverbs 15:1-4; Ephesians 4:29; Proverbs 12:25)
- F. Oil was used for light. Our words should bring light. (Psalm 119:105; Proverbs 14:1; 2 Corinthians 2:15)
- G. Oil was used to consecrate and anoint. Our words are important for our consecrated task of sharing the gospel. (1 Peter 3:15; Colossians 4:6)

Application questions:

1. What are some examples of speech that is too hot or speech that is too cold?

2. What are some practical ways you can encourage other people?

3. What steps can you take to use your words more constructively?
