

# The Little Member - Col. 4:6

by Bernard Fell

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of controlling our tongues and speaking with faithfulness and gentleness, as our words have the power to change lives and reveal our true nature.*

**Scripture:** Proverbs 18:21, Ephesians 4:29, Colossians 3:16, James 3:6

**Topics:** "Power Of Words", "Christian Speech"

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## Description

Bernard Fell preaches on the power of words, emphasizing the destructive force of the tongue and its ability to shape destinies. He highlights the importance of using speech wisely, with grace and truth, to avoid spreading gossip and rumors that can harm others. Fell urges the congregation to let their words be seasoned with salt, reflecting faithfulness, meekness, and magnifying the Savior, so that their speech may be a blessing and sanctified for God's purposes.

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## Transcript

Let your speech be always with grace,  
seasoned with salt.

Colossians 4:6

There's no weapon so destructive

In the armoury of life,

Nor a poison half so potent

As the little tongue of strife.

Ships are guided by small rudder,

Bit and bridle turn a horse,

But this active, boasting member

E'en can change a nation's course!

Man subdued the roaring lion,

And controlled the stubborn ass,  
Yet the tongue is still unconquered,  
Hasty, overbold, and rash.  
Can the same fount, clear as crystal,  
Send forth streams both salt and sweet?  
Words of blessing, words distressing,  
From the same lips often meet!  
Idle talk reveals a secret  
Love's discretion would conceal;  
Hidden thoughts and ruling passions,  
Clothed with words, the heart reveal.  
Tongues unhealthy, furred with gossip,  
Spread with relish rumours wild;  
Speaker, hearer, and the victim  
Are affected and defiled.  
If our words in heav'n recorded  
Were replayed to greet our ears,  
What would be our swift reaction?  
Joy or sorrow, smiles or tears?  
O the sweetness of God's pardon  
When confession's voice is heard!  
Then erased will be the record  
Of each vain and useless word.  
Let sound speech be ever seasoned  
With the salt of faithfulness:  
Grace and truth in even balance,  
Blended with meek gentleness.

Words that magnify the Saviour,  
Words in season, O how good!  
Then the tongue, a pow'r for Nessing,  
Will be sanctified for God.

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