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Retreat Workshop Outline

Winning the War on Words

1. Winning the war on words means:
 - a. Choosing your words carefully
 - b. It's not about the words we say but the words we choose
 - c. Say the right thing at the right moment exercising self control
 - d. Refuse to let your talk be driven by personal desire and passion, it should be communicated with Gods purpose in view.
 - e. Exercise faith and be a part or what God is doing at that moment

2. God has ordained us to be people of influence, we influence by words that:
 - a. encourage, rebuke, explain, reconcile.
 - b. teach, define, condemn, sell,
 - c. counsel, judge, worship, war, slander or edify

3. Paul reminds us in Galations 5 that our words have consequences
 - a. Careless words are anything that's thoughtless, unkind, irritating or complaining
 - b. Words that bite and devour destroys

We are always representing Christ, it's never ok to communicate in a way that contradicts His Message, methods or character.

God reminds us in Matthew 12:36 But I will tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgement for every careless word they have spoken.

We cannot glory in what grace takes us from without also accepting what it call us to.