

Blessed be the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome as we study the Bible—God’s Word, which is the lamp and the light for our path (Psalm 119:105).

Words can affirm something, but actions speak far louder. Let us learn from the Lord Jesus, who demonstrated more through His works than through His words.

When John the Baptist sent his disciples to ask Jesus whether He was truly the One to come or if they should expect another, Jesus did not simply answer, “Yes, *I am He.*” Instead, He told them to go back and report what they saw: the lame walking, the blind seeing...

Matthew 11:2-5 (ESV)

“Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’ And Jesus answered them, ‘Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.’”

Do you see? Christ did not use words to prove who He was—His works spoke for Him. His deeds testified about His identity, not only in this instance but everywhere He went.

John 10:24-25 (ESV)

“So the Jews gathered around Him and said to Him, ‘How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.’ Jesus answered them, ‘I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me.’”

Notice this: it was the works—the actions—of Jesus that bore witness to Him.

So how should we testify? Through our words, or through our actions?

Surely, our actions carry far more weight than our speech.

We will be known as Christians by our deeds, not merely by our words. We will be recognized as servants of God by our conduct, not by empty talk. We are shown to be truthful through our actions, not through what we say alone.

If you say you have experienced a change of heart, the evidence of that transformation will be seen in your outward life. If your character is renewed, you can no longer continue stealing, or cursing, or dressing immodestly, or committing sexual sin. The proof of inward change is outward behavior—not just words.

Matthew 5:16 (ESV)

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Let us therefore work diligently to let our actions speak louder than our words.

May the Lord Jesus help us.

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