

Don't Start Something You Can't Stop

Matthew 25:25-26

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Do what is right right now.

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Sometimes the consequences of sin, once begun, cannot be stopped.

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Words, once spoken, take on a life of their own.

(James 3:6) The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

(Ephesians 4:29) Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Once you repeat a rumor, it is beyond your power to silence it.

(Numbers 14:36) So the men Moses had sent to explore the land, who returned and made the whole community grumble against him by spreading a bad report about it.

Break a trust and you may not get a second chance to rebuild it.

Reject the call of Christ and you may never hear it so clearly again.

(Hebrews 3:15) As has just been said: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion."