

# LEADERSHIP: MEAN WHAT YOU SAY



## DISCUSS

1. What are some examples of poor communication in your workplace? (For example, over-promising, lying etc.)
2. What do you think lies behind many of the workplace word problems we encounter?

## READ

*1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. 5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.*

**WATCH:** *Mean what you say – Andrew Laird (13:50)*

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3. To what extent do you think pride lies behind some of the workplace word problems you listed in question one?
4. What other “heart issues” might lie behind problems with our speech?
5. What practical ways can you remind yourself and others of your status (starting first with status before considering speech)?
6. How might being sure of your status affect not just how you speak but also how you listen?\*

*“You’ll mean what you say when you know who you are” (Andrew Laird)*

**WATCH:** *Mean what you say – Jenny George (21:07)*

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\* To consider this further see “The Listening Leader” at [lifeatwork.org.au](http://lifeatwork.org.au)