

## Sticks and Stones

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Words satisfy the mind as much as fruit does the stomach; good talk is as gratifying as a good harvest. Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit—you choose. Proverbs 18:20-21 (MSG)

LIFE: The mouth of the one who is right with God is a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
Proverbs 10:11a (NLT)

DEATH: Scoundrels create trouble; their words are a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
Proverbs 16:27 (NLT)

### ***Words of Destruction***

1. Words that destroy are \_\_\_\_\_ words.  
Proverbs 12:18 (NLT)

2. Words that destroy are \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ words. Proverbs 10:19 & 13:3 (NLT)

3. Words that destroy are \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Gossip                      Proverbs 16:28 & 26:20 (NLT)

Lies                         Proverbs 12:22 (NLT)

### ***Words of Life***

1. Life giving words are \_\_\_\_\_ words.  
Proverbs 12:19 & 22 & 23:23 (NLT)

2 Life giving words are \_\_\_\_\_ words.  
Proverbs 12:25 & 15:4 (NLT)

3. Life giving words are \_\_\_\_\_ words.  
Proverbs 17:27 (NLT)

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters; you must all be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to get angry. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. James 1:19-20

Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way. We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches.

But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself. People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! James 3:2-10 (NLT)