

Title: Words Have Power

Text: Luke 1:76-77 & James 3:1-6

“Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment...” (Eph 4:29a)

“He who guards his mouth and tongue, Guards his soul from troubles” (Prov 21:23)

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit” (Prov 18:21)

“...see how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell” (James 3:5-6)

OUR WORDS CAN:

1) Focus on yourself OR on others

“do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves” (Phil 2:3)

1) Build up OR tear down

“when there are many words, transgressions in unavoidable” (Prov 10:19)

“the one who guards his mouth preserves his life; the one who opens wide his lips comes to ruins” ((Prov 13:3)

1) Heal OR Wound

“There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing” (Prov 12:18)

WORDS HAVE POWER:

“And you, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins” (Luke 1:76-77)

- 1) Words can shape REALITY
- 2) Words can steer a DESTINY
- 3) Words can claim Gods promises for them, in front of them