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ORDERING OUR LIVES WITH  
THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

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## Proverbs 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue,  
and those who love it will eat its fruits.





# Words are Powerful

## PROVERBS 10:13

On the lips of him who has understanding, wisdom is found,  
but a rod is for the back of him who lacks sense.





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## PROVERBS 10:31-32

The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off.

The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked, what is perverse.





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## PROVERBS 11:11

By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but by the mouth of the wicked it is over-thrown.





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PROVERBS 15:7

The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so the hearts of fools.





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PROVERBS 10:11

The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.





## Proverbs 12:18

There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.





“Also, words kill psychologically. Call a child “stupid” or “not worth anything” and that person may spend all his or her life trying to rid him or herself of the self-doubts it has planted in them...Sticks and stones can only break our bones, but words can be soul destroying.”

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## Proverbs 13:3

“Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life; he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.”





## James 3:5-6

So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.”





## Proverbs 11:13 (NIV)

A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret.





## Proverbs 26:20

For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, quarrelling ceases.





**James 4:11**

Do not speak evil against one another, brothers.





## Romans 1:28-32

And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God. God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done...They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God... Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.”





## Proverbs 4:24

Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you.





## Ephesians 4:29

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.





“When you tell the truth, you should always have a “ministry motive.” You should only confront to help another person achieve illumination and understanding or to remove distance and barriers between you and the other person.”

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## Proverbs 15:1

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.





## Proverbs 15:23

To make an apt answer is a joy to a man, and a word in season, how good it is!





# Our Words Reveal Something Much Deeper

## JAMES 3:9-10

With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.





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**MATTHEW 12:34B**

..For out of the abundance of your heart the mouth speaks.





“Surely what a man does when he is taken off his guard is the best evidence for what sort of a man he is? Surely what pops out before the man has time to put on a disguise is the truth? If there are rats in a cellar you are most likely to see them if you go in very suddenly. “

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“But the suddenness does not create the rats: it only prevents them from hiding. In the same way the suddenness of the provocation does not make me an ill-tempered man; it only shows me what an ill-tempered man I am. The rats are always there in the cellar, but if you go in shouting and noisily they will have taken cover before you switch on the light.”

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# Words in the Mouth of a Saviour

1 PETER 2:22

He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth.





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## PROVERBS 2:6

For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.





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## JAMES 1:5-6A

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting...





# Words in the Mouth of a Saviour

1 PETER 2:22, 23-24

He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.





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PSALM 19:14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.