

My Big Fat Mouth
The Value of Words
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Proverbs 18:20-21 From the fruit of their mouth a person's stomach is filled; with the harvest of their lips they are satisfied. The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Matthew 12:31-37 And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. "Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.

1. Words come from the heart.

- ✓ Guard our heart.

Proverbs 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

- ✓ Guard our attention.

1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character.

2. Words connect us to God.

Romans 10:8-10; 13 But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved... "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

3. Words connect us to each other.

Proverbs 18:21-22 The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit. He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord.

Ephesians 5:25-26 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word.

Walk Away: Our words carry weight; they can either heal or hurt, bring life or death, or destroy or build a bridge. Choose to be life giving!