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The words we speak are incredibly powerful! They can build up, encourage, motivate or tear down, hurt, and cause horrible scars. It's time we understand the words we speak carry power. This is life or death!

Life or Death

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.

The quality of our lives is closely dependent on the words we speak!

A man may do a great deal of good, or a great deal of hurt, both to others and to himself, according to the use he makes of his tongue.

Sometimes the concept of the spoken word having life or death is hard to really believe because some have taken it out of context.

We are not trying to make God agree with our words; we are trying to make our words agree with God.

Value of Words

1. Words connect us to God, and Jesus is the Word.

John 1:1,14, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

There was a grand chasm between us and God called sin.

God sent His Word to span that chasm on our behalf.

We are saved as we walk across the Word of confession of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 10:8-10, "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Heart and Mouth Connection

Matthew 12:33-37, "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Jesus is saying there is a strong connection between the heart and the tongue.

Our words are a reliable indication of the state of our heart.

What is in your heart - good or bad - comes out of the mouth.

2. Words connect us to each other.

Ephesians 4:29, Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you.

Most of the time, when we get disconnected with others, words were involved.

All healthy relationships are sustained with words of life; many times, destructive relationships are caused by a bad mouth.

Creative Power = No Agreement Power = Yes

Solution for a Better Mouth

Based on V.33 - Cut down the old tree and plant a new, life giving tree through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We work on our mouth by working on our heart.

Psalm 51:10, Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.