

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

(James 3:4-5) Look at the ships too: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are nevertheless directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot determines. So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things.

- **Our words influence, encourage, wound and _____.**

(Ephesians 4:29) Let no unwholesome word come out of your mouth, but if there is any good word for edification according to the need of the moment, say that, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

- **Our words reveal the _____ of our _____.**

(Matthew 12:34b-37) For the mouth speaks from that which fills the heart. The good person brings out of his good treasure good things; and the evil person brings out of his evil treasure evil things. But I tell you that for every careless word that people speak, they will give an account of it on the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

(James 3:2) If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to rein in the whole body as well.

- **If you want different _____, you've got to change the _____.**

(Luke 6:43&45) For there is no good tree that bears bad fruit, nor, on the other hand, a bad tree that bears good fruit. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil person out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.

--- Power of my words ----

1. **Be intentional by allowing the _____ of God, through the Holy Spirit, to _____ your heart and therefore your words.**

(Hebrews 4:12) For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between

soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

2. **Seek first to _____, then to be understood.**

(James 1:19) Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

(Proverbs 21:23) He who guards his mouth and his tongue, guards his soul from troubles.

3. **Develop the habit of speaking words of wisdom, _____ and _____.**

(James 3:15-18) This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peace-loving, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, free of hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

--- Roots of Honor ---

- **Honor – to value, to show great respect.**
- **Dishonor – to bring shame or disgrace.**

Honor through....

✓ _____

(Ephesians 5:21) Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

✓ _____

(Proverbs 11:11) By the blessing of the upright a city is built up, but by the mouth of the wicked it is torn down.

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(Ephesians 4:29-30) Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.