

WORDS: THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY

(Selected Proverbs)

Central Idea: *God intends for us to use the power of words to bring healing and blessing to others.*

I. The Amazing Power of Words

A. The power of life and death

B. The power to heal and hurt

C. The power to reward or trouble

II. How Our Words Can Benefit Others

Our words should ...

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FOR INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION OR GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Why do you think the Bible says so much about our speech, the tongue, words, etc?
2. The Bible clearly teaches the power of words. Why is there so much power in what we say?
3. Consider James 1.19. How do we and others around us benefit when we follow the instruction of this verse?
4. What are the challenges we face in being slow to speak?

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WISE LIVING IN A FOOLISH WORLD

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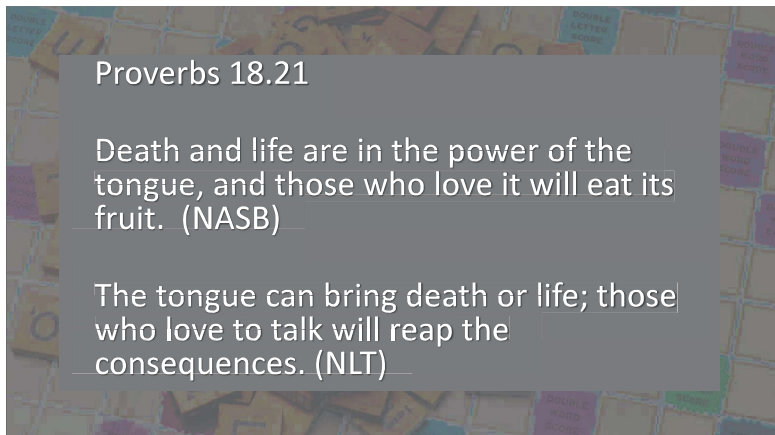


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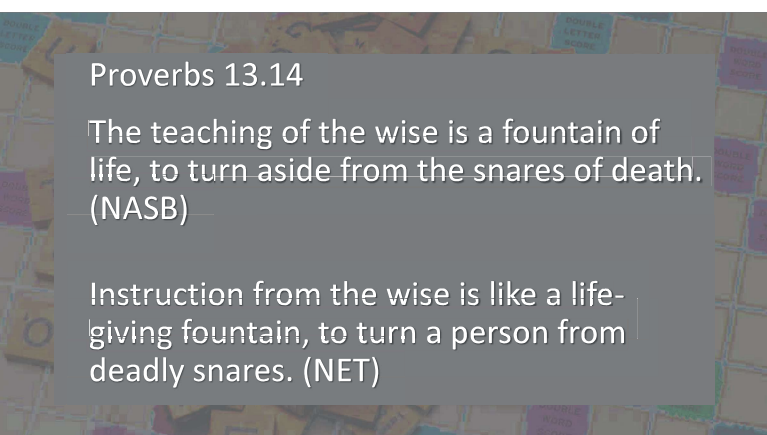
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Proverbs 18.21

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

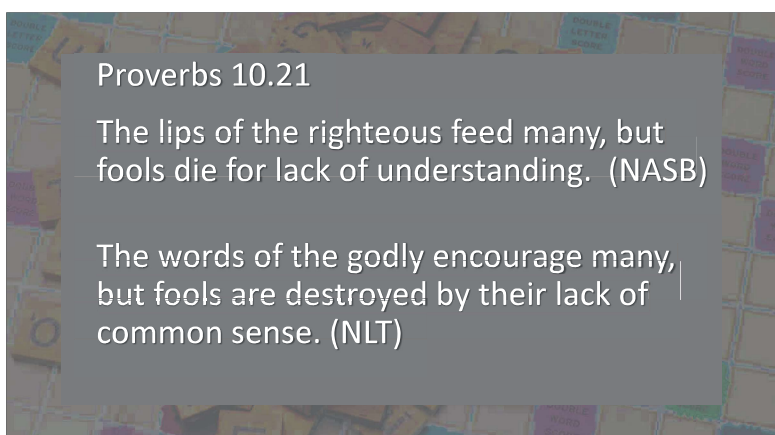
The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences. (NLT)



Proverbs 13.14

The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, to turn aside from the snares of death. (NASB)

Instruction from the wise is like a life-giving fountain, to turn a person from deadly snares. (NET)



Proverbs 10.21

The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of understanding. (NASB)

The words of the godly encourage many, but fools are destroyed by their lack of common sense. (NLT)

Proverbs 18.25

Like a club and a sword and a sharp arrow is a man who bears false witness against his neighbor. (NASB)

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Proverbs 12.18

There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. (NASB)

Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing. (NLT)

Proverbs 12.25

Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, but a good word makes it glad. (NASB)

Proverbs 15.23

A man has joy in an apt answer and how delightful is a timely word. (NASB)

Proverbs 16.24

Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. (NASB)

Kind words are like honey— sweet to the soul and healthy for the body. (NLT)

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A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his words, and the deeds of a man's hands will return to him. (NASB)

From the fruit of his lips a man is filled with good things as surely as the work of his hands rewards him. (NIV)

Proverbs 13.3

The one who guards his mouth preserves his life; the one who opens wide his lips comes to ruin. (NASB)

The one who guards his words guards his life; whoever is talkative will come to ruin. (NET)

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Good words are ... **HONEST**

Proverbs 24.26

He kisses the lips who gives a right answer. (NASB)

An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips. (NIV)

An honest answer is like a kiss of friendship (NLT)

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Good words are ... **FEW**

Proverbs 10.19 - When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise. (NIV)

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Good words are ... **RESTRAINED**

Proverbs 18.13 – The one who gives an answer before he listens, that is his folly and his shame. (NET)

Proverbs 15.1 – A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. (NASB)

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Good words are ... **THOUGHTFUL**

Proverbs 15.28 – The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things. (NASB)



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Good words are ... *NOT ABOUT OURSELVES*

Proverbs 27.2 – Let another praise you and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips. (NASB)



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Good words are ... *NO SUBSTITUTE FOR ACTION*

Proverbs 14.23 – In all labor there is profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty. (NASB)