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COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP



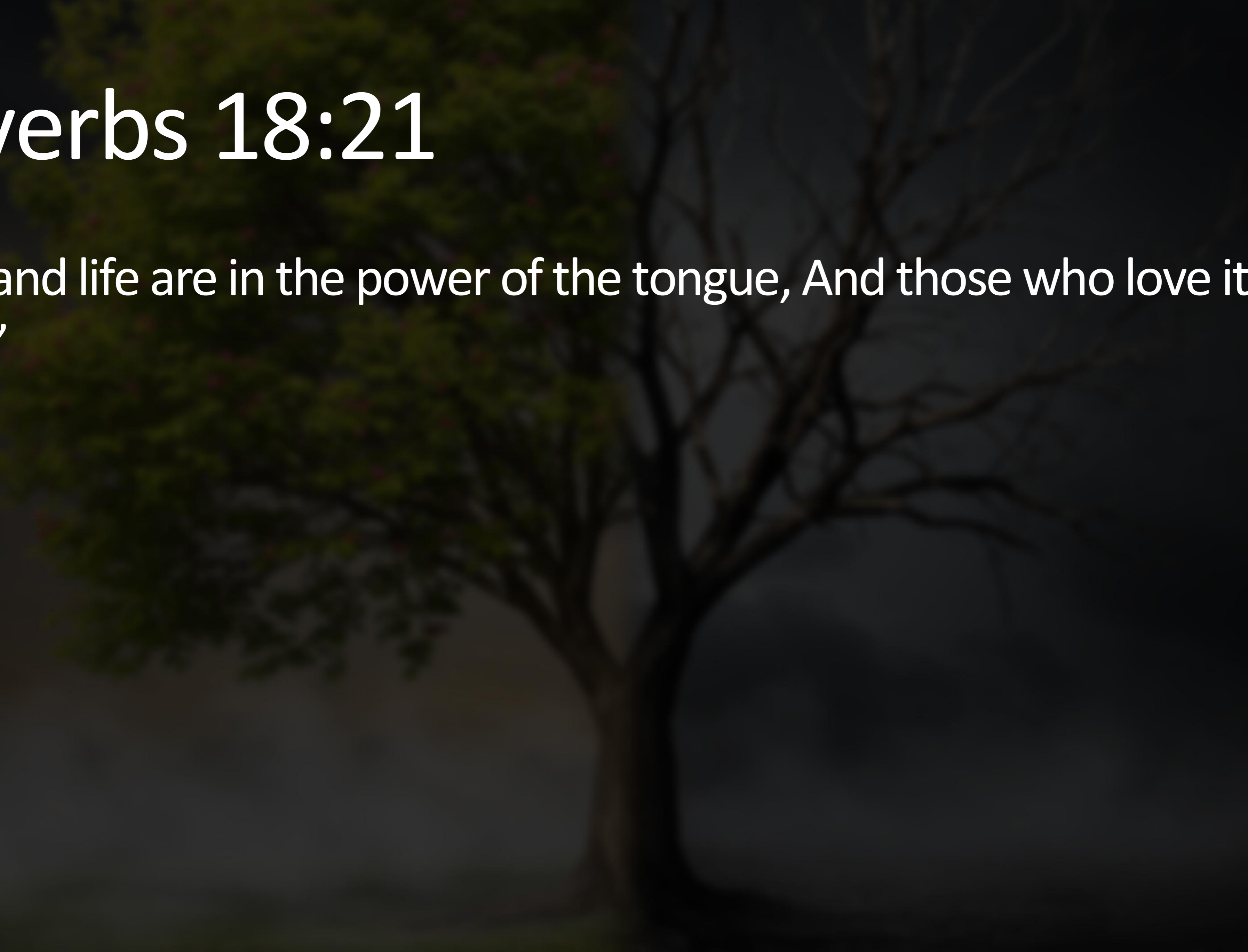


A conceptual image of a tree split vertically. The left half is vibrant and full of life, with bright green leaves and small pink flowers. The right half is starkly different, with bare, dark, and intricate branches against a dark, moody sky. The ground is also split: the left side is a lush green field, while the right side is a dark, shadowed area. The text 'The Power of the Tongue' is written in a large, white, serif font across the center of the tree.

# The Power of the Tongue

# Proverbs 18:21

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.”



# James 3:3-5

When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark.

# Three Main Truths

- Your words direct your life
- Your words reveal your heart
- Your words carry spiritual power

# Truth #1: Your Words Direct Your Life

- James 3:3-5 - says a bit controls a horse and a rudder controls a ship – even in strong winds.

YOUR WORDS ARE STEERING YOUR LIFE!

# This Weeks Challenge

Start listening to yourself this week. Not just what you say out loud, but what you say consistently.

# Truth #2: Your Words Reveal Your Heart

## Matthew 12:33-37

“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.”

# James 3:11-12

“Can both fresh water and saltwater flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.”

# Truth #3: Your Words Carry Spiritual Power

Proverbs 18:21 - Death and Life are in the power of the tongue

# Our Words Carry Weight

- They have the power to build or destroy people
- Your words have the power to shape your Environment.

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- Constant complaining creates heaviness in the room.
- Constant gratitude creates peace in the room.
- Gossip creates division. Especially among friends and family
- Truth, as hard as it is sometimes, creates freedom.

# Our Words Carry Weight

- They have the power to build or destroy people
- Your words have the power to shape your Environment.
- Your words give you the power to align with God or Oppose Him

# Romans 8:37

You are more than a conqueror



# James 3:6-8

The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

# Psalm 141:3

Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips.

# Question to Ask Yourself

- What direction are my words taking me?
- What kind of environment am I creating?
- What is my speech revealing about my heart?
- And most importantly: Have I given my tongue to God?

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