

THE POWER OF LIFE AND DEATH IS IN THE TONGUE

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PROVERBS 18:20-21 NKJV

A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth; From the produce of his lips he shall be filled. 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

TRUTH

- **Words can be powerful.**
- **Words can be hurtful.**

TRUTH

**Sticks and stones may break my
bones but words can hurt me
more.**

PROVERBS 12:13

NKJV

The wicked is ensnared by the transgression of his lips, But the righteous will come through trouble.

NLT

The wicked are trapped by their own words, but the godly escape such trouble.

JAMES 3:4-10 NIV

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. 5 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. 6 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.

JAMES 3:4-10 NIV

7 All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, **8** but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. **9** With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. **10** Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

MATTHEW 12:36 NKJV

**But I say to you that for every
idle word men may speak, they
will give account of it in the day
of judgment.**

QUESTION

**Do my words tear down or lift
other people up?**

TRUTH

Let God decide what's possible.

PROVERBS 21:23

NKJV

**Whoever guards his mouth and
tongue Keeps his soul from troubles.**

NIV

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DAILY SPEECH

1. open mouths about 700 times a day.
2. use on average about 18,000 words a day.
3. that equals 54 pages per day.
4. which equals about 66 books in one year of 800 pages.
5. S.S.

MATTHEW 12:36-37 NKJV

But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. 37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

MATTHEW 12:36-37 NLT

And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak. 37 The words you say will either acquit you or condemn you.”

MATTHEW 12:34 NKJV

Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

LIFE GIVING TONGUE GIVES

1. Wise Counsel

Proverbs 10:31 NLT

The mouth of the godly person gives wise advice, but the tongue that deceives will be cut off.

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2. Correction and Admonishment

Proverbs 17:10 NKJV

Rebuke is more effective for a wise man than a hundred blows on a fool.

Proverbs 17:26 NKJV

Also, to punish the righteous is not good, Nor to strike princes for their uprightness.

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3. Encouragement and Edification

Proverbs 12:25 NKJV

Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, but a good word makes it glad.

Proverbs 16:24 NKJV

**Pleasant words are like a honeycomb,
Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.**

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4. Witnessing and evangelizing

Romans 10:14-15 NKJV

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?
15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

QUOTE

It costs us nothing to be kind or encouraging to other people.

- Anon

WAYS WE CAN SPEAK DEATH OVER OTHERS

1. Flattery or manipulation

Proverbs 13:3 NLT

Those who control their tongue will have a long life; opening your mouth can ruin everything.

Proverbs 29:5 NKJV

A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet.

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2. Quarreling or lying

Proverbs 18:16 NKJV

**A man's gift makes room for
him, And brings him before
great men.**

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3. Gossip or slander

Proverbs 17:19 NKJV

**He who loves transgression
loves strife, And he who exalts
his gate seeks destruction.**

QUOTE

**Gossip dies when it hits a wise
person's ears.**

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JAMES 1:19 NKJV

**So then, my beloved brethren,
let every man be swift to hear,
slow to speak, slow to wrath;**

PROVERBS 16:1 NKJV

**The preparations of the heart
belong to man, But the answer
of the tongue is from the Lord.**

PSALM 19:14 NKJV

**Let the words of my mouth and
the meditation of my heart Be
acceptable in Your sight, O Lord,
my strength and my Redeemer.**