

Our Words Matter

Death and life are in the power of the tongue. Proverbs 18:21a

God's Gracious Gift of Words

Speech is a wonderful, amazing gift from God.

One way we bear God's image is the ability to communicate with words.

God communicates to us through Jesus, the Word.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us to reveal the Father and to give His life to save us.

God communicates to us through the Bible, His written Word.

The written Word instructs us, encourages us, enlightens us, and changes us.

*Do not take God's gracious gift of speech for granted.
Remember, our words matter. They have the power of _____ and _____.*

Wise Words Give Life

Wise words are encouraging and healing. They give confidence and heal broken spirits.

Speaking humble, honest, beautiful words can lead to powerful healing.

Wise words are truthful, instructional, and timely.

Honest, discerning, and well thought out words bring knowledge and joy to the hearer.

*Before you speak, ask yourself:
Are my words helpful? Are my words truthful and timely? Are my words necessary?
Is _____ the best option?*

Unwise Words Bring Death

Unwise words can be harsh, careless, reckless, false, or unkind.

Often unwise words come from a quick temper. Instead, be slow to anger.

Unwise words result in anger, violence, wrongdoing, destruction, and death.

Gossip and lying are examples of unwise words. They can do great damage to a person.

*Before you speak unwise words, ask yourself:
Are my words angry, false, or hurtful? If you answer yes, then _____ talking!*

God Enables Us to Speak Wise Words

Jesus loves you. He died to save you and to change your heart.

What is in your heart comes out of your mouth so put God's Word in your heart.

Walk with Jesus, _____ in God's Word and speak wise, life-giving words.

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PROVERBS 26:28 A lying tongue hates its victims, and a flattering mouth works ruin.

PROVERBS 20:15 There is gold and abundance of costly stones, but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.

PROVERBS 10:20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; the heart of the wicked is of little worth.

PROVERBS 25:11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

PROVERBS 10:10 Whoever winks the eye causes trouble, and a babbling fool will come to ruin.

PROVERBS 10:19 (NIV) When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.

PROVERBS 13:3 Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life; he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.

PROVERBS 10:11 The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.

PROVERBS 12:18 There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

PROVERBS 12:16 (NIV) Fools show their annoyance at once, but the prudent overlook an insult.

JAMES 3:17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, and sincere.

PROVERBS 11:13 (NIV) A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret.

PROVERBS 18:8 The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels; they go down into the inner part of the body.

PROVERBS 11:9a, 12 With his mouth the godless man would destroy his neighbor...Whoever belittles his neighbor lacks sense, but a man of understanding remains silent.

PROVERBS 26:20 For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases.

PROVERBS 2:6 For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

PROVERBS 10:11 The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.