



YOUR WORDS ARE POWERFUL!

What God says about what you say

IN Favor video teaching series

#3: "OUR WORDS HAVE AN IMPACT"

Our words have an effect on us

Proverbs 12:13 An evil man is trapped by his sinful talk, but a righteous man escapes trouble.

¹⁴ From the fruit of his lips a man is filled with good things ...

Psalms 140:9 Let the heads of those who surround me be covered with the trouble their lips have caused.

Proverbs 14:3 A fool's talk brings a rod to his back, but the lips of the wise protect them.

Proverbs 18:6 A fool's lips bring him strife, and his mouth invites a beating. ⁷ A fool's mouth is his undoing, and his lips are a snare to his soul.

WORDS are more important than a lot of people realize. WORDS make us or break us. WORDS heal us or make us sick. According to the Bible, WORDS destroy us or make us full of life, happiness, and health. Our WORDS—the WORDS we spoke yesterday—made life what it is today ... The words that I hear in the morning will linger with me all through the day. *Kenneth E. Hagin*

Our words have an effect on other people

They can destroy, torment, cut, and trouble others:

Proverbs 11:9 With his mouth the godless destroys his neighbor ...

Job 19:2 How long will you torment me and crush me with words? ³ Ten times now you have reproached me; shamelessly you attack me.

Psalms 57:4 I am in the midst of lions; I lie among ravenous beasts—men whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords.

Psalms 64:3 They sharpen their tongues like swords and aim their words like deadly arrows. ⁴ They shoot from ambush at the innocent man; they shoot at him suddenly, without fear.

Psalms 140:3 They make their tongues as sharp as a serpent's; the poison of vipers is on their lips.

Proverbs 12:18 Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Proverbs 16:27 A scoundrel plots evil, and his speech is like a scorching fire. ²⁸ A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends.



They can bring life, healing, strength, and encouragement to others:

Proverbs 10:11 The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life ...

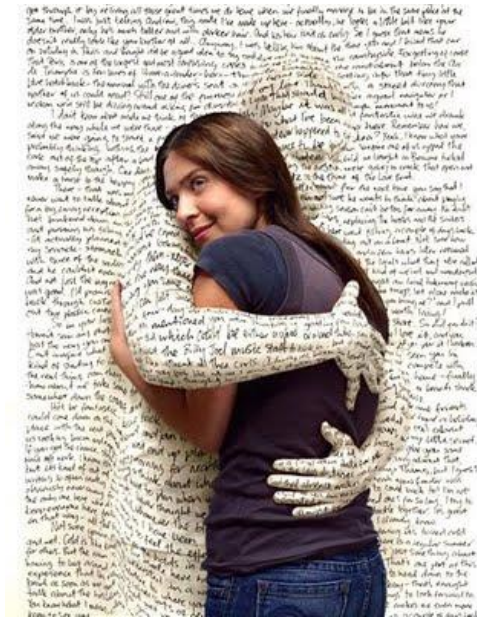
Proverbs 10:20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value. ²¹ The lips of the righteous nourish many ...

Proverbs 16:23 A wise man's heart guides his mouth, and his lips promote instruction.

24 Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

Isaiah 50:4 The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.

Ephesians 4:29 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.



The tongue proves to be a source of greatness, either great good or great evil. Speech has a great affect upon its hearers ... ^{NAC}

[The tongue] can sway men to violence, or it can move them to the noblest actions. It can instruct the ignorant, encourage the dejected, comfort the sorrowing, and soothe the dying. Or, it can crush the human spirit, destroy reputations, spread distrust and hate, and bring nations to the brink of war. ^{Curtis Vaughan}

The words we speak affect the lives of others. A judge says “Guilty!” or “Not Guilty!” and those words affect the destiny of the prisoner, his family, and his friends. The President of the United States speaks a few words and signs some papers and the nation is at war. Even a simple yes or no from the lips of a parent can greatly affect the direction of a child’s life. Never underestimate the guidance you give by the words you speak or do not speak. Jesus spoke to a woman at a well, and her life and the lives of her neighbors experienced a miraculous change (John 4). Peter preached at Pentecost and 3,000 souls came to salvation through faith in Christ (Acts 2) ... The words we speak have the power to destroy. For every word in Hitler’s book, *Mein Kampf*, 125 lives were lost in World War II. Our own words may not have caused wars or wrecked cities, but they can break hearts and ruin reputations. ^{Warren Wiersbe}

Our words have an effect on the world around us:

Proverbs 11:11 Through the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but by the mouth of the wicked it is destroyed.

Genesis 18:20-33 Abraham intercedes for Sodom and Gomorrah

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