

### 3. Our words \_\_\_\_\_

*Proverbs 16:23 – “A wise man’s heart guides his mouth . . .”*

*Matthew 12 – “<sup>33</sup> 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. <sup>34</sup> You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. <sup>35</sup> 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. <sup>36</sup> But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the Day of Judgment for every empty word they have spoken. <sup>37</sup> For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be*

*Genesis 11:4, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves . . .”*

*God . . . confused the language of the whole world . . . (Genesis 11:5 – 9)*

*Hebrews 1 – <sup>1</sup> In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son . . .*

*Ephesians 2 – <sup>1</sup> And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup> among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ . . . <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith.*



Part 8

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## Words

### OUR WORDS MATTER

#### 1. Words are \_\_\_\_\_

Our words have the power to \_\_\_\_\_.

*Proverbs 12:18 – “Reckless words pierce like a sword ...”*

*Proverbs 18:21 – “The tongue has the power of life and death . . .”*

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*Proverbs 16:28 – “A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends.”*

Our words have the power to \_\_\_\_\_ or

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*Proverbs 15:1 – A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.*

*Proverbs 15:4 – The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.*

*Proverbs 15:18 – A hot-tempered person stirs up conflict, but the one who is patient calms a quarrel.*

Words have power over the \_\_\_\_\_.

*Proverbs 12:13 says, “The wicked are trapped by their own words, but the godly escape such trouble.” (NLT)*

## 2. Words are \_\_\_\_\_

We need words that \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

*Proverbs 12:1 & 15 say, <sup>1</sup> Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid.*

<sup>15</sup> *The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.*

We need words that \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

*Proverbs 12:25 – Worry weighs a person down; an encouraging word cheers a person up. (NLT)*

*Proverbs 12:8 – A man is commended according to his good sense . . . (ESV)*

We need \_\_\_\_\_ words.

*The one who tells the truth will endure forever, but the one who lies will last only for a moment. (Proverbs 12:19 NET)*

*The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy. (Proverbs 12:22 NIV)*

*Proverbs 15:4 – “... a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.”*

We need \_\_\_\_\_ words.

*Proverbs 15:1 – “A gentle answer turns away wrath ...”*

*Proverbs 25:15 – “Through patience a ruler can be persuaded, and a gentle tongue can break a bone.”*

Read *Judges 8:1 – 3 & 12:1 – 6*

We need wise \_\_\_\_\_ words.

*Proverbs 10:32 – “The lips of the righteous know what is fitting...”*

*Proverbs 25:11 – “A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.”*

We need to be \_\_\_\_\_ with our words.

*Proverbs 10:19, When words abound, transgression is inevitable, but the one who restrains his words is wise. (NET Bible)*

*ESV – When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.*

*NLT – Too much talk leads to sin. Be sensible and keep your mouth shut.*

*Proverbs 18:21 – The tongue has the power of life and death, those who love it will eat its fruit.*

*James 3 – “<sup>2</sup> Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way. (NLT)*

<sup>4</sup> *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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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. (NIV)*

*Proverbs 17:28 – Even a fool who remains silent is considered wise, and the one who holds his tongue is deemed discerning. (NET Bible)*