

Living Wisely
Pit-stops in the Book of Proverbs

5 Wednesdays over Zoom
 from 28 Aug - 25 Sep 2024
 8.00pm to 9.30pm


FOURBING THE SAINTS



1. Why Words Matter?
 EFFECTS OF YOUR WORDS ON OTHERS

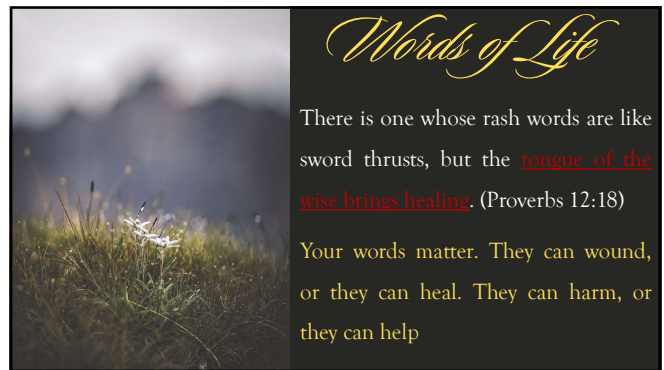
"Death and life are in the power of the tongue (Proverbs 18:21)
 "Rash words are like sword thrusts..." (Prov. 12:18)

- Your tongue is a weapon.
- Brings help or harm.



Death by Words

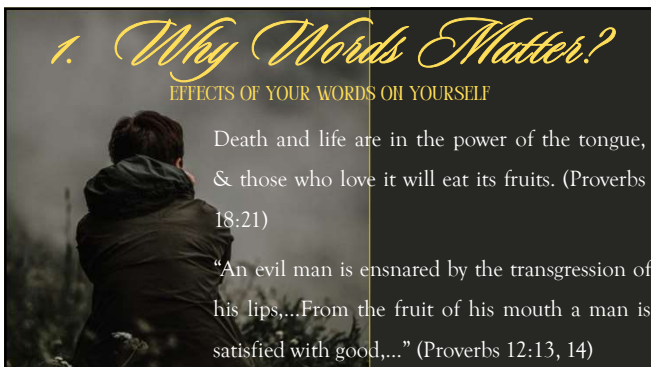
"... everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire." (Matt. 5:21)



Words of Life

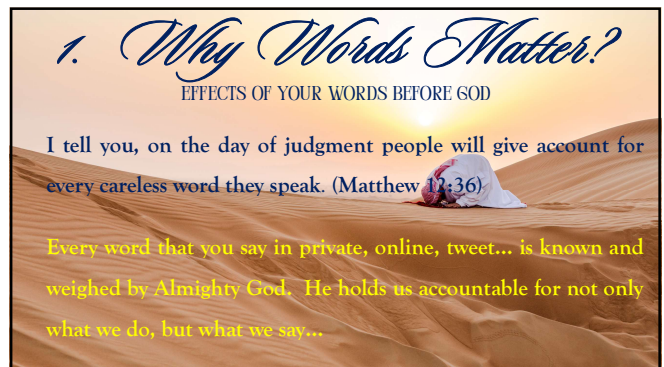
There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. (Proverbs 12:18)

Your words matter. They can wound, or they can heal. They can harm, or they can help



1. Why Words Matter?
 EFFECTS OF YOUR WORDS ON YOURSELF

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, & those who love it will eat its fruits. (Proverbs 18:21)
 "An evil man is ensnared by the transgression of his lips,...From the fruit of his mouth a man is satisfied with good,..." (Proverbs 12:13, 14)



1. Why Words Matter?
 EFFECTS OF YOUR WORDS BEFORE GOD

I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak. (Matthew 12:36)

Every word that you say in private, online, tweet... is known and weighed by Almighty God. He holds us accountable for not only what we do, but what we say...



2. Our Words Reflect...
(1) SPEAK WITH RESTRAINT

"The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things. (Proverbs 15:28)

A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back. (Proverbs 29:11)

PRAY: Lord, help me think before I speak...help me to speak with restraint.

2. Our Words Reflect...
(2) SPEAK WITH HUMILITY

"Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips. (Proverbs 27:2)

PRAY: Lord, help me to speak with humility.

2. Our Words Reflect...
(3) SPEAK WITH WISDOM

"To make an apt answer is a joy to a man, and a word in season, how good it is!" (Proverbs 15:23)

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

PRAY: Lord, let me speak with this kind of wisdom.

2. Our Words Reflect...
(4) SPEAK WITH GRACE

"Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body. (Proverbs 16:24)

A soft answer turns away wrath. (Proverbs 15:1)

Your gentleness has made me great. (Psalm 18:35)


PRAY: Lord, help me to speak with restraint, humility, wisdom and grace.

3. Blessing of Words
(A) AN OPEN EAR

Firstly, listening to the words of others

If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly & shame. (Proverbs 18:13)

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger (James 1:19)



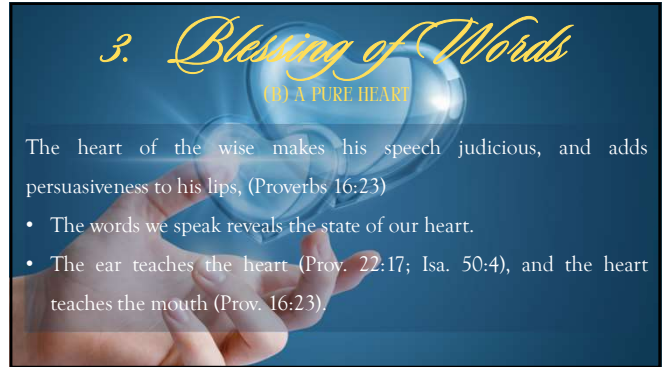
3. *Blessing of Words*

(A) AN OPEN EAR

Secondly, listening to the Word of God...

Incline **your ear**, and hear the words of the wise, & apply your heart to my knowledge, for it will be pleasant if you keep them within you if all of them are ready on **your lips**, (Proverbs 22:17-18)

Do you have this morning by morning appointment with God?

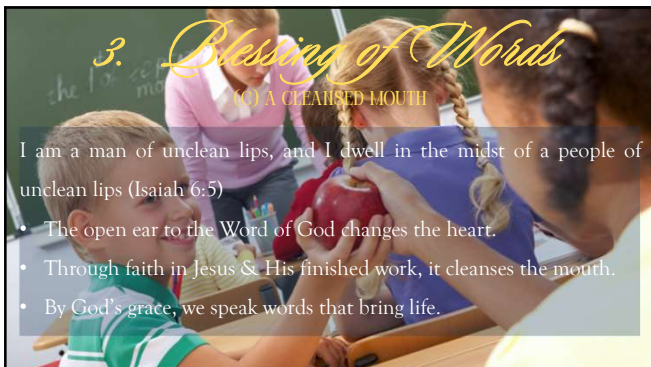


3. *Blessing of Words*

(B) A PURE HEART

The heart of the wise makes his speech judicious, and adds persuasiveness to his lips, (Proverbs 16:23)

- The words we speak reveals the state of our heart.
- The ear teaches the heart (Prov. 22:17; Isa. 50:4), and the heart teaches the mouth (Prov. 16:23).



3. *Blessing of Words*

(C) A CLEANSSED MOUTH

I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips (Isaiah 6:5)

- The open ear to the Word of God changes the heart.
- Through faith in Jesus & His finished work, it cleanses the mouth.
- By God's grace, we speak words that bring life.