

The Power Of Speech Part 1

The Impact Of Our Words:

Proverbs 10:19 11:12 12:18 13:3 15:1-2 15:23 18:21 21:23 22:10 25:18-19 29:20
(See Food for Thought on reverse side)

Three Ways To Sink A Ship:

(1) Having loose **LIPS**:

- **LYING**

Proverbs 6:16-19 10:18 12:17-22 20:17 21:6 26:24-28

- **GOSSIP**

Proverbs 6:16-19 10:18 11:9 16:27-28 17:4 18:8 19:5 20:19,
25:9-10 26:20-22

- **IMPURITY**

Proverbs 4:24 6:12-15 10:31-32 15:4 17:20 19:1

(2) Having a loose **CANNON**:

Proverbs 12:16-18 15:18 15:28 16:32 18:7 25:28 29:11

- Anger is not **A SIN**, but what we do with it **MAY BE**.

(3) Carrying too much **OLD BAGGAGE**:

Proverbs 17:9 19:11 21:19 25:24 27:15-16

- If the **PAST** is our **PRESENT** we'll never have a **FUTURE**.

Getting To The Heart Of The Matter:

Proverbs 4:23 27:19 Matthew 12:34 Luke 6:45

Food for Thought
For the week of August 9, 2015
(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)

This week we heard about the power and influence our words can have for the good or the bad. Fortunately for us, God has given us countless references throughout the Bible to help us understand how to use our words to be productive instead of destructive. As Chris suggested this weekend, you may want to start your study by linking these verses together to create a "Power of Words Tree." Then read each of the references in Proverbs below and jot down what each one says about the power of our words.

Proverbs 10:19

¹⁹ Sin is not ended by multiplying words,
but the prudent hold their tongues. *[NIV]*

Proverbs 11:12

¹² Whoever derides their neighbor has no sense,
but the one who has understanding holds their tongue. *[NIV]*

Proverbs 12:18

¹⁸ The words of the reckless pierce like swords,
but the tongue of the wise brings healing. *[NIV]*

Proverbs 13:3

³ Those who guard their lips preserve their lives,
but those who speak rashly will come to ruin. *[NIV]*

Proverbs 15:1-2

^{15:1} A gentle answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.

² The tongue of the wise adorns knowledge,
but the mouth of the fool gushes folly. *[NIV]*

Proverbs 15:23

²³ A person finds joy in giving an apt reply—
and how good is a timely word! *[NIV]*

Proverbs 18:21

²¹ The tongue has the power of life and death,
and those who love it will eat its fruit. *[NIV]*

Proverbs 21:23

²³ Those who guard their mouths and their tongues
keep themselves from calamity. *[NIV]*

Proverbs 22:10

¹⁰ Drive out the mocker, and out goes strife;
quarrels and insults are ended. *[NIV]*

Proverbs 25:18-19

¹⁸ Like a club or a sword or a sharp arrow
is one who gives false testimony against a neighbor.

¹⁹ Like a broken tooth or a lame foot
is reliance on the unfaithful in a time of trouble. *[NIV]*

Proverbs 29:20

²⁰ Do you see someone who speaks in haste?
There is more hope for a fool than for them. *[NIV]*

Looking back at what you wrote above, pick out seven verses that are important for you to remember. Take a moment and pray through each verse asking God to help you put it into practice.

Bonus Suggestion: *Assign one of your seven verses to each day of the following week. Figure out how you'll remind yourself to read it that day at least once (reminder ideas – post it on the bathroom mirror, calendar reminder, etc.). Say a quick prayer after you read it and ask God to help you put it into action.*

SEEKING GODLY WISDOM / Proverbs Daily Reading Plan:

Read the chapter that corresponds to the day of the month and consider these questions:

- ⇒ What applies to me today?
- ⇒ Where have I seen this in others?
- ⇒ Where have I experienced this?

Go to this link for more info: <http://www.northcoastchurch.com/proverbs-reading-plan>