

Wisdom of Words

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Proverbs 10:11 (ESV)

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

Wise Speaking is one of the primary way that we relate wisely with each other and rightly relate to one another in the power of the gospel.

Words are everywhere, they come and go with no real thought. We think and speak and listen without giving much consideration of what we are saying or hearing much less what it can do to those around us or to our hearts.

People relate to each other in many ways on many different levels and nothing molds a relationship like words.

When it comes to speaking, we think of it as just a normal issue of life, however, from mouth comes the reality of our souls.

FROM THE ABUNDANCE of the heart the mouth speaks.

The MOUTH tells much about who we are. It teaches those around us what is most PRECIOUS to us and displays the exact CENTER of our passions and affections.

Where we spend our voices is a MIRROR to the HEART.

ACCOUNT of WORDS is Vital

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

WORDS are LIFE

Matthew 4:4 "Man cannot live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

We Use our TONGUE for EVIL and GOOD

James 3:1-12 (ESV)

1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

2 For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.

3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well.

4 Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!

6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set

on fire by hell.

7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind,

8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.

10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water?

12 Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

We use our WORDS to:

TEACH

TELL

TALK

TATTLE

TOIL

Proverbs 18:6-7

6 A fool's lips walk into a fight, and his mouth invites a beating.

7 A fool's mouth is his ruin, and his lips are a snare to his soul.

Proverbs 10:18-21 (ESV)

18 The one who conceals hatred has lying lips, and whoever utters slander is a fool.

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

Don't LET YOUR MOUTH write a check that your BUTT CAN'T CASH.

We use our WORDS for: The Glory of US or the Glory of GOD.

Building

Killing

Loving

Laughing

Gutting

Grace

We speak to:

Children

Parents

Friends

CoWorkers

Enemies

God

Ourself

In A Relational Way - Our Tongue Should Be LIFE

Proverbs 18:4 (ESV)

4 The words of a man's mouth are deep waters; the fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook.

By NOT leading others into sin.

By DISPLAYING the Grace of God.

By TEACHING Wisdom

Proverbs 12:18 (ESV)

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

By SPEAKING GRACE our WORDS become:

TREASURE

Proverbs 18: 20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; the heart of the wicked is of little worth.

FOOD

21 The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of sense.

FREEDOM

Proverbs 12:6 (ESV)

6 The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood, but the mouth of the upright delivers them.

Ephesians 4:29-30 (ESV)

29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

In essence, we can see the "brief" outline and reality of the importance of words in the proverbs. As we glean from the NT, we can discover the essence of the POWER OF THE CROSS and the GOSPEL of Christ in our words toward each other.

Our words are the FOUNTAIN OF LIFE when:

Vs 29 - No corrupt talk comes out of them.

Because we GRIEVE THE SPIRIT vs 30.

How? The spirit of God is not controlling the tongue that speaks ill and destroys. I call it "DEMONIC SPEAK" for it is the spirit of anti -christ that believes not on the SON.

When... We speak to BUILD (just like healing, feeding and delievering in proverbs. The purpose of our speech with each other should be the lifting and building and growing.

Caveat: REBUKE... What about this?

Well, you who are SPIRITUAL correct lest you fall into temptation. Are you correcting in the SPIRIT in the timing of the LORD? Or do you feel like you are God, speaking into their lives power so they will obey you?

Does your rebuke come in humility with earnest desire to see the other person GROW or does it come like a tabloid that wrecks another so you might be built up.

"AS FITS THE OCCASION!" That's what this means. (by example)

--Saying the RIGHT thing at the WRONG time is the WRONG thing to say.

OUR WORDS are the fountain of life when they come with the right SPIRIT at the right TIMING for the right REASON which is building up to reflect and EMPOWER the hearer to KNOW and RECEIVE GRACE!

See - Grace.

Paul tells Timothy...

2 Timothy 2:1 (ESV)

1 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,

This grace COMES through the written word of God. So...

Our words should be bathed in the word. Grace should be the outcome of our speech because only grace builds and disciplines, nothing else does.

Because otherwise, we are MOCKING the gospel which is the grace of God in our own lives.

Do not GRIEVE by whom you were SEALED for REDEMPTION.

Christ gave no words of REVILE, but said, "Father forgive them..."

So many times we want to speak to each other like Jesus spoke to the Pharisees, we are not Pharisees, we are brothers!

Christ PAID the debt of our SIN for the GLORY of God's RIGHTEOUSNESS who enables us to become the RIGHTEOUSNESS of God and be forgiven and

made whole by Grace through FAITH!

We should speak in that way. Giving life, giving Grace and building each other up in ways that only God can do.

Is God growing your heart that your mouth reflects it?