# **Good Words, Bad Words**

### Introduction

"Stick and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me." TRUE FALSE

# The Power of the Tongue (Proverbs 18:21)

- 1. The Power of Death
  - It can destroy a \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 11:9)
  - It can destroy a \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 11:11)
- 2. The Power of Life
  - It is like a \_\_\_\_\_ of life to a person (Prov. 10:11)
  - It is like \_\_\_\_\_ bread to many people (Prov. 10:21)

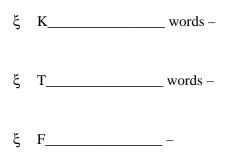
#### Key Passage (Ephesians 4:29-32)

- 1. Bad, corrupt communication (Eph. 4:31)
  - $\xi \quad B\_\____words-$
  - $\xi \quad S \_ words -$

- $\xi$  A\_\_\_\_\_ words –
- ξ L\_\_\_\_\_ words –
- $\xi \quad E \_ words -$

Do you notice a progression?

# Good, edifying communication (Eph. 4:32)



Do you notice a progression?

### What is the Key?

- $\xi$  Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:30)
- $\xi$  Follow the example of Jesus (Eph. 4:31b-5:1)

### The One Week Challenge

- $\Box$  Monday –
- 🛛 Tuesday –
- $\Box$  Wednesday –
- $\Box$  Thursday –

🛛 Friday –

Have an accountability \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Ecclesiastes. 4:9).

You will notice an increased awareness of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Learn to identify the \_\_\_\_\_ cause (Luke 6:45).

#### The Result

Individuals, families and groups of people will be more encouraged and strengthened in life, rather than discouraged and destroyed.

#### Extra Homework

Sometime Wednesday or Friday, visit http://bit.ly/1VHCzZu, read the short devotional and share something God is teaching you about the importance of good words.