

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)

ξ B_____ words –

ξ S_____ words –

ξ A_____ words –

ξ L_____ words –

ξ E_____ words –

Do you notice a progression?

Good, edifying communication (Eph. 4:32)

ξ K_____ words –

ξ T_____ words –

ξ F_____ –

Do you notice a progression?

What is the Key?

ξ Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:30)

ξ Follow the example of Jesus (Eph. 4:31b-5:1)

The One Week Challenge

Monday –

Tuesday –

Wednesday –

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.