

By Your Words...(Proverbs 10:11; 18:4)

Prov 10:11 "The mouth of the righteous *is* a well of life, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked"

Prov 18:4 "The words of a man's mouth *are* deep waters; the wellspring of wisdom *is* a flowing brook"

I. How Important are My Words or My Speech?

- A. Primary purpose of speech (*Gen 1:26-28; Gen 2:7; 3:9-10; 3:12*)
- B. Speech reflects who we are (*Prov 18:4; Matt 15:18; 12:33-37; Prov 19:10*)

II. How Do My Words Really Impact My World and the World?

- A. My words shape my world (*Proverbs 10:11*)
- B. James – the heart of the matter (*James 3:1-12*)

III. Take Heed to Your Words

- A. God's Word on our words :
 - *Matt 12:26,27; James 3:9,10; Eph 4:29,30*
- B. My words are to be gracious and edifying *Prov 10:21; James 1:19, 26;*
- C. A Graceless heart leads to gossip and flattery and is a destroyer
 - *1 Tim 5:11-13; Prov 11:13; 18:8; 20:19;26: 20,22; Eph 4:25*
- D. Not speaking the truth to one another is loveless & hateful (*Lev 19:17*)
- E. Christ the way to restore our tongues & speech (*Isa50: 4; Jhn 12:49,50*)

IV. Are My Words, Words of Life or Are they Words of Death?

- If we are liars and flatterers we are of Satan (*John 8:44*)
- God wants us to speak truth even when it is hard (*Prov 17:27; 25:11*)