



# Spoken Words: The Weight of Words

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The tongue has the power of life and death. Proverbs 18:21 NIV

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day”, and the darkness He called “night”. Genesis 1:1-5 NIV

Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden’?” The serpent said to the woman, “You surely will not die!” Genesis 3:1 NASB(1995), Genesis 3:4 NASB(1995)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1 NIV

For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well. Now if we put the bits into the horses’ mouths so that they will obey us, we direct their entire body as well. Look at the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot desires. So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. James 3:2-5 NASB(1995)

With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way. James 3:9-10 NASB(1995)

For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. Matthew 12:34 NIV

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. What words had a big impact on you as a child?

2. Are you one who speaks too often, or one who remains too silent? Who in your immediate circle could you bless with your words this week?