



Proverbs
**“Wisdom Teaches Us
Words Matter”**
Proverbs 15:1-4, 18, 22-33
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All scripture comes from the New American Standard Bible (NASB) – 1995 version unless otherwise noted.

The Realization: Our words matter to the Lord

- 1) Our words are a gift from the Lord
Proverbs 10:20; Psalm 5:3; 47:1; James 3:9a
- 2) Our words are an overflow of our heart
Proverbs 4:23; Matthew 12:34
- 3) Our words are important/valuable Proverbs 20:15; 18:4
- 4) Our words are powerful Proverbs 18:20-21; 15:4; 16:24; 12:18;
James 3:5-12; Proverbs 26:23 (NCV)

The Reality: Our words can't do everything

- 1) They aren't a replacement for actions Proverbs 14:23
- 2) They cannot change the truth Proverbs 26:23-28; 24:12
- 3) They cannot force a response
Proverbs 29:19 (NLT); 2:3-4; 17:10; 17:4
- 4) They cannot protect you Proverbs 13:3

The Requirement: Our words need to be...

- 1) honest & loving Proverbs 16:13; 27:5-6; 28:23
- 2) few Proverbs 17:28; 10:19; 13:3; 11:12-13; 21:23
- 3) calm & gentle Proverbs 17:27; 15:1; 25:15 (NLT)
- 4) fitting, right for the moment Proverbs 15:23; 25:11

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The Resources: Our words can be right

1) Read, study, and apply God's Word

Psalm 119:11; 97-105; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Proverbs 10:13-14;
Colossians 3:16

2) Be filled with & rely on the Spirit Ephesians 5:18

3) Watch over your heart Proverbs 4:23-25

4) Pray & think before you speak Proverbs 15:28; 16:23; Psalm 141:3

Our Response

- 1) Name some ways you've seen words used for good and words used to harm. What was the difference? What was the outcome of each?
- 2) What we say is really who we are. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
- 3) Why are our words so important and powerful in the lives of others and even our own? In the end, whose words should matter most in our lives? Why?
- 4) Where do you need the Lord to do a fresh work in your life in the area of your words? Share them specifically and your plan to be transformed.
- 5) How can you invest in the right resources to make certain your words are pleasing to the Lord and used as the gift He intended them to be?

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