

A man with a beard and a woman are standing side-by-side, smiling. The man is on the left, wearing a light blue short-sleeved button-down shirt. The woman is on the right, wearing a light purple lace top. They are positioned in front of a dark background with large, vibrant green leaves, possibly from a tropical plant. The overall lighting is soft and natural.

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GBV UPDATE

We will have a short update today after church to share what's on our horizon, including facilities, timeframes and ministries like small groups, youth and children.

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A serene forest scene with a dirt path leading through tall trees. Sunlight filters through the canopy, creating a warm, golden glow. The text 'PROVERBS' is written in large, white, serif capital letters across the middle of the image. Below it, a thin white horizontal line separates the word 'PROVERBS' from the phrase 'LIVING WISDOM', which is written in smaller, white, serif capital letters.

PROVERBS

LIVING WISDOM

**10:11 The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life,
but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.**

**10:19 When words are many, transgression is not lacking,
but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.**

**10:32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable,
but the mouth of the wicked, what is perverse.**

**12:18 There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts,
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.**

**12:25 Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down,
but a good word makes him glad.**

**15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.**

**15:4 A gentle ("healing") tongue is a tree of life,
but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.**

**16:24 Gracious words are like a honeycomb,
sweetness to the soul and health to the body.**

**18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
and those who love it will eat its fruits.**

**26:23 Like the glaze covering an earthen vessel
are fervent (“burning”) lips with an evil heart.**

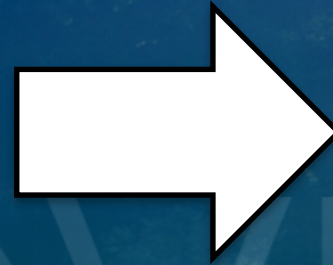
**27:2 Let another praise you, and not your own mouth;
a stranger, and not your own lips.**

**31:8 Open your mouth for the mute
for the rights of all who are destitute.**

How Proverbs Are Constructed:

Teach through Expounding

21:23 Whoever
keeps his mouth
and his tongue

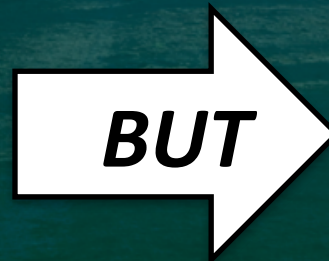


keeps himself
out of trouble.

Teach through Contrasting

TRUTH

12: 19 Truthful
Lips
endure forever,



TRUTH

a Lying
Tongue
is but for a Moment.

Recap: The Power of Words to be Life-Giving or Life-Taking

12:18 There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

Genesis 1:3

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

Genesis 3:1

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?”

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Controlling our Words

10:19 When words are many, transgression is not lacking,
but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.

“Remember not only to say the right
thing in the right place, but far more
difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong
thing at the tempting moment.”
Benjamin Franklin

What to Say
What Not to Say
When to Speak
When to be Silent

Life-Taking Words

15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.

15:4 A gentle (“healing”) tongue is a tree of life,
but perverseness (criticalness) in it breaks the spirit.

Lying

10:18 The one who conceals
hatred has lying lips...

Slander

10:18 ...and whoever utters
slander is a fool.

Boasting

27:2 Let another praise you, and
not your own mouth; a stranger,
and not your own lips.

Gossip

26:22 The words of a gossip are
like choice morsels; they go
down to the inmost parts.



Deceit

26:23 Like the glaze covering an earthen vessel
are fervent (“burning”) lips with an evil heart.

24 Whoever hates **disguises** himself with his lips
and harbors deceit in his heart;

25 when he speaks graciously, believe him not,
for there are **seven abominations in his heart**;

Ephesians 4:4 Let there be no filthiness nor foolish
talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but
instead let there be thanksgiving.

Life-Giving Silence

“If you don’t have something nice to say, don’t say anything at all.”

Proverbs 27:14

Whoever blesses his neighbor with a loud voice,
rising early in the morning,
will be counted as cursing.

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Life-Taking Silence

31:8 Open your mouth for the mute,
for the rights of all who are destitute.

“In the End, we will remember not
the words of our enemies,
but the silence of our friends.”
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Life-Giving Words

16:24 **Gracious words** are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

12:25 Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a **good word** makes him glad.

15:1 A **soft answer** turns away wrath...

Gracious

“sweet” words that elevate others.

Good

Speaking the Gospel of Love and Hope in a time of need.

Soft

Not engaging in a fight



**Most Reverend
Michael Curry**

“Love can be sacrificial, and in so doing, becomes redemptive. And that way of unselfish sacrificial redemptive love, changes lives and it can change this world.”

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The Origin of our Words

10:32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable,
but the mouth of the wicked, what is perverse.



Words feed into our hearts
And are produced by our hearts

Matthew 15:18

But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart,
and this defiles a person.

The Origin of our Words

The Reason we use life-taking words is:

- 1) Our pride
- 2) Our insecurity
- 3) Devaluing Others

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The Healing of our Words

This all reveals:

- 1) God's perfect words that give life
- 2) Our incredibly diseased words
- 3) How God will redeem us and the world through words and The Word

Ezekiel 36:26

And I will give you a **new heart**, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Application

Missional Words

Romans 10:13-15

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent?

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Application

What have your words revealed about your heart?
...and your belief of the Gospel
(including the value of yourself and others)?

Believe what the Father has Spoken over you, that, because of Jesus' sacrifice on your behalf, He has adopted you, loves you and is proud of you.

To whom do you need to repent today for using life-taking words?

How can you speak life-giving words today?