



## WISDOM #2

Call Study – Jason Park

### POWER OF WORDS

*The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences. Prov. 18:21*

<sup>1-2</sup> Don't be in any rush to become a teacher, my friends. Teaching is highly responsible work. Teachers are held to the strictest standards. And none of us is perfectly qualified. We get it wrong nearly every time we open our mouths. If you could find someone whose speech was perfectly true, you'd have a perfect person, in perfect control of life. <sup>3-5</sup> A bit in the mouth of a horse controls the whole horse. A small rudder on a huge ship in the hands of a skilled captain sets a course in the face of the strongest winds. A word out of your mouth may seem of no account, but it can accomplish nearly anything—or destroy it! <sup>5-6</sup> It only takes a spark, remember, to set off a forest fire. A careless or wrongly placed word out of your mouth can do that. By our speech we can ruin the world, turn harmony to chaos, throw mud on a reputation, send the whole world up in smoke and go up in smoke with it, smoke right from the pit of hell. <sup>7-10</sup> This is scary: You can tame a tiger, but you can't tame a tongue—it's never been done. The tongue runs wild, a wanton killer. With our tongues we bless God our Father; with the same tongues we curse the very men and women he made in his image. Curses and blessings out of the same mouth! **James. 3:1-12 MSG**

**OUR WORDS REFLECT OUR MINDS ----- OUR MINDS REFLECT OUR HEARTS**

**OUR WORDS HAVE POWER**

The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences. **Prov. 18:21**

Give an example of the power of our words, good or bad.

### WORDS FROM THE WISE

<sup>2</sup> The tongue of the wise makes knowledge appealing, but the mouth of a fool belches out foolishness. **Prov. 15:2**

<sup>21</sup> The wise are known for their understanding, and pleasant words are persuasive. **Prov. 16:21**

Give an example of wise words spoken to you.

### POWER OF KIND WORDS

A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare. **Prov. 15:1**

Kind words are like honey, sweet to the soul and healthy for the body. **Prov. 16:24**

<sup>34</sup> So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. <sup>35</sup> Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." **Jn. 13:34-35**

Who in your life could benefit from your kind words?

## WORDS HAVE CONSEQUENCES

Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing. **Prov. 12:18**

There is more hope for a fool than for someone who speaks without thinking. **Prov. 29:20**

<sup>36</sup> And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak. <sup>37</sup> The words you say will either acquit you or condemn you." **Matt. 12:36-37**

What are words do you wish you could take back?

<sup>19</sup> Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. <sup>20</sup> Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. <sup>21</sup> So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. **Jam. 1:19-21**

WHEN I CONTROL MY WORDS, I AM IN CONTROL

THE SLOWER MY WORDS, THE SOFTER THEY LAND

SOME OF THE BEST WORDS ARE NOT SPOKEN

*"Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt."* – Mark Twain

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Do you have any other observations?

How can we pray for you?

### CHRONOLOGICAL READING PLAN FOR JUNE

153. Song of Solomon	154. Proverbs 1-3	155. Proverbs 4-6	156. Proverbs 7-9	157. Proverbs 10-12
158. Proverbs 13-15	159. Proverbs 16-18	160. Proverbs 19-21	161. Proverbs 22-24	162. 1 Kings 5-6; 2 Chr 2-3
163. 1 Kings 7; 2 Chronicles 4	164. 1 Kings 8; 2 Chron 5	165. 2 Chron 6-7; Psalm 136	166. Psalms 134, 146-150	
167. 1 Kings 9; 2 Chronicles 8	168. Proverbs 25-26	169. Proverbs 27-29	170. Ecclesiastes 1-6	
171. Ecclesiastes 7-12	172. 1 Kings 10-11; 2 Chronicles 9	173. Proverbs 30-31	174. 1 Kings 12-14	
175. 2 Chronicles 10-12	176. 1 Kings 15; 2 Chronicles 13-16	177. 1 Kings 16; 2 Chronicles 17	178. 1 Kings 17-19	
179. 1 Kings 20-21	180. 1 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 18	181. 2 Chronicles 19-23	182. Obadiah; Psalms 82-83	