

## CALLING THINGS THAT BE NOT AS THOUGH THEY ARE

### Words Produce

- I. **If we are going to call things that be not as though they are we have to cultivate belief that words matter, that words have affect and we do that by looking at scriptures that confirm that reality to us-Rm10:17-So then faith comes**
- A. You can speak words that hurt you and bring bad into your life-Pr18:7-A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul; ER-Fools hurt themselves when they speak. Their own words trap them; CEV-Saying foolish things is like setting a trap to destroy yourself; EX-The words of fools will ruin them; ISV-A fool's mouth is his unravelling; NLV-The mouth of a fool is what destroys him
1. With your words you can bring destruction on yourself-Pr10:14-The mouth of the foolish is near destruction; ER-Fools talk and bring destruction on themselves; GW-The mouth of a stubborn fool invites ruin; NL-The babbling of a fool invites disaster
- B. You can speak words that help you and bring good into your life-Pr13:2-A man shall eat (consume) good by the fruit (produce) of his mouth; CJ-A good man enjoys good as a result of what he says; Pr12:14-A man shall be satisfied (fill to satisfaction) with good by the fruit (produce) of his mouth; AM-A man will be satisfied with good from the fruit of his words; YL-From the fruit of the mouth is one satisfied with good; CJ-One can be filled with good as a result of one's words; VO-Words spoken wisely result in much good
- C. In any situation, in any area of life the words you speak have the potential to help you or hurt you-Your mouth is connected to your life-Pr13:3-He that keeps his mouth keeps his life: but he that opens wide his lips shall have destruction; AM-The one who guards his mouth [thinking before he speaks] protects his life; The one who opens his lips wide [and chatters without thinking] comes to ruin; TP-Guard your words and you'll guard your life, but if you don't control your tongue, it will ruin everything
1. Every word you speak is working to help you or hurt you-Words don't do nothing, the work, they produce-Pr18:21-Pr14:3-In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve (hedge, guard, protect, keep) them; ER-Foolish words cause you trouble; wise words protect you; TP-The words of the wise will become a shield of protection around them-Pr12:18-There is that speaks like the piercings of the sword; but the tongue of the wise is health; ER-Speak without thinking and your words can cut like a knife. Be wise, and your words can heal.
  2. The words you speak can help you avoid trouble-Pr21:23-KJ-Whoso keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps his soul (life, person, yourself) from troubles (adversity, distress); TP-Watch your words and be careful about what you say, and you'll be surprised by how few troubles you have; GN-If you want to stay out of trouble, be careful about what you say; MS-Watch your words and hold your tongue; you'll save yourself a lot of grief; VO-Mind what you say, and you will keep yourself out of trouble
- II. **You have to believe words are significant to treat them like they matter – Many are careless with their words because to them words don't matter**
- A. Treating words like they matter is a sign of wisdom-When you're wise you're aware of the significance of words; The less careful you are with your words the more of a fool you are
1. You spare your words because you're aware of how significant words are-Pr17:27-He that hath knowledge spares his words; AM-Restrains and is careful with his words; Pr10:19-VO-If you're wise you'll speak less and with restraint
  2. You don't just say anything and everything because that's treating words like they don't matter-Pr29:11-KJ-A fool utters all his mind: but a wise man keeps it in till afterwards; EHV-Vents all his emotions; GW-Expresses all his emotions; ISV-The fool vents all his feelings, but the wise person keeps them to himself; TP-You can recognize fools by the way they give full vent to their rage and let their words fly! But the wise bite their tongues and hold back all they could say
- B. We are measured with our words, we are selective with what we say-We believe words have affect-Pr17:27-WYC-He that measures his words is wise; ERV-Intelligent people choose their words carefully; Pr10:19-MSG-The wise measure the words
1. Measure your words, see which ones fit for this situation-My words can hurt or help, so I'll be measured with my words
  2. We are deliberate in our words, we study to answer-Treating words like they matter-Pr15:28-Heart of the righteous studies (ponders) to answer: but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things; AM-The heart of the righteous think carefully about how to answer in a wise and appropriate and timely way; NL-The heart of the godly thinks carefully before speaking
  3. If you are hasty with your words you don't have a chance-Pr29:20-Seest thou a man that his hasty in his words? There is more hope of a fool than of him; CEB-Do you see people who are quick to speak? There is more hope for fools than for them
- C. Be especially on guard about what you say under pressure-The power of words isn't suspended just because you're under pressure-Pr17:27-TP-Can you bridle your tongue when your heart is under pressure? That's how you show you are wise