

## THE SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUR WORDS

### Your Words Affect Your Life

- I. What you say affects your life—Ps34:12—What man is he that desires life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? <sup>13</sup>Keep thy tongue from evil (bad), and thy lips from speaking guile. <sup>14</sup>Depart from evil and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.**
- A. Question: Who wants to live a good life?—ER—Do you want to enjoy life? Do you want to have many happy days?—NLT—Does anyone want to live a life that is long and prosperous?
- B. Part of the answer: Keep your tongue from evil—First thing we're told Ps34:12—TL—Do you want a long, good life? Then watch your tongue
- C. Words affect both quality/quantity of life—If you believe the Bible, you believe words affect how long and how well you live—Pr18:20—ICB—What you say affects how you live
- D. Any area you want to do well in, it's connected to what you say
- II. Acknowledge the connection between what you say and your life—Pr13:3—He that keeps his mouth keeps his life: but he that opens wide his lips shall have destruction**
- A. You will have whatever you believe and say—Mk11:23—For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shalt not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he says shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he says
- B. Words affect every area of life—Js3:6—ER—The tongue is like a fire. It is a world of evil among the parts of our body. It spreads its evil through our whole body and starts a fire that influences all of life.
- C. Keeping your mouth will keep you from troubles—Pr21:23—Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul (self, life) from troubles (adversity, affliction, distress)—Pr18:7—A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare (trap, bring into unexpected evil) of his soul (self, life)—Pr14:3—In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve (hedge about, guard, protect)
- D. What you say is what you're going to have, enjoy, be filled with—Pr18:20—KJ—A man's belly (inner being, body, heart) shall be satisfied (filled) with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase (produce) of his lips shall he be filled—CEV—Make your words good—you will be glad you did...21 You will eat everything you say—GNB—You will have to live with the consequences of everything you say—Pr12:14—A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth—AM—A man will be satisfied with good from the fruit of his words; ERV—People get good things for the words they say; NIV—From the fruit of their lips people are filled with good things Pr13:2—A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth—CJB—A [good] man enjoys good as a result of what he says
- III. We need our minds to be renewed and our faith to be cultivated about the power and significance of words—Pr18:21—Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof; Pr16:24—Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones; Pr12:18—There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health; Pr15:4—A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach (break) in the spirit; Mt12:37—By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned**
- A. Feeding on the word renews your mind and feeds your faith transforming your thoughts and beliefs to match God's—To think and believe like God about the power of words, you feed on scriptures about the power of words
- B. We believe words are significant because we believe The Bible
- C. You can tell what you think and believe about words, by the words you say