

Today's Message Outline

Wisdom & Words

Wisdom Calls Out: Studies in Proverbs

Selected Proverbs

Sunday, August 2, 2009

I. The IMPACT of Words

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II. The USE of Words

1. Be _____ with your words.
2. Be _____ with your words.
3. Be _____ with your words.
4. Be _____ with your words.

III. Our NEED for A Word

- We _____ with _____ words.
- We _____ from _____ words.

Today's Scripture Reading

On Wisdom & Words . . .

- (18:21) Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
And those who love it will eat its fruit.
- (12:18) There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword,
But the tongue of the wise brings healing.
- (16:24) Pleasant words are a honeycomb,
Sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.
- (15:4) A soothing tongue is a tree of life,
But perversion in it crushes the spirit.
- (16:27) A worthless man digs up evil,
While his words are like scorching fire.
- (16:28) A perverse man spreads strife,
And a slanderer separates intimate friends.
- (16:20) For lack of wood the fire goes out,
And where there is no whisperer, contention quiets down.
- (11:11) By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted,
But by the mouth of the wicked it is torn down.
- (24:24) He who says to the wicked, "You are righteous,"
Peoples will curse him, nations will abhor him;
- (24:25) But to those who rebuke the wicked will be delight,
And a good blessing will come upon them.
- (28:23) He who rebukes a man will afterward find more favor
Than he who flatters with the tongue.
- (17:28) Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is considered wise;
When he closes his lips, he is considered prudent.
- (13:3) The one who guards his mouth preserves his life;
The one who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.
- (10:14) Wise men store up knowledge,
But with the mouth of the foolish, ruin is at hand.
- (10:19) When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable,
But he who restrains his lips is wise.
- (17:27) He who restrains his words has knowledge,
And he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.
- (15:1) A gentle answer turns away wrath,
But a harsh word stirs up anger.
- (25:15) By forbearance a ruler may be persuaded,
And a soft tongue breaks the bone.
- (15:23) A man has joy in an apt answer,
And how delightful is a timely word
- (25:11) Like apples of gold in settings of silver
Is a word spoken in right circumstances.

THINK IT OVER!

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1. Read through the “wisdom & words” verses again. There’s a lot of them? What does that mean?
2. Look at Proverbs 18:21. What is that verse saying and how you have you seen and experienced that to be true?
3. What verses tell us that the impact of words is DEEP? WIDE? PERSONAL? COMMUNAL?
4. What verses encourage us toward HONEST speech? SPARSE speech? TIMELY speech? GENTLE speech?
5. What does Hebrews 1:1-3 tell us and how does it relate to this vital subject of “Wisdom & Words?” What is Jesus called in John 1:1, 14 and why does it matter?

WORK IT OUT!

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1. What was new and most challenging for you in this week’s text/message?
2. Are you a person of many words or a person of few words and why do you think that is?
3. How have you been impacted by words in your life? Can you think of moments when the words of someone have shaped your life, for good or for ill?
4. Which of the 4 ways under “the USE of words” do you feel like you are good at? Which do you need to work on?
5. Why is trying harder to use our words wisely frustrating and how can the Gospel help move us forward in this area? What is God’s Word in Jesus to us and what difference can that make in our own use of words?