



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Series: Wisdom for faithful living 2

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Taming the tongue and wisdom

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.² The tongue of the wise adorns knowledge, but the mouth of the fool gushes folly.³ The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good. ⁴ The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit.

1. Words have weight because they reveal our character

Proverbs 12:17-19

2. Words have weight because they produce fruit

Proverbs 13:1-3, 15:1-4

3. Words have weight because they are “life and death.”

Proverbs 12:18

A. Examining the texts.

Discussion Starter: Do you have a memory of someone saying something to you that had a great impact on you- either negatively or positively? Share the story.

1. Read Proverbs 12:17-19. What does this passage say to us about the nature of wise speech? How does this passage link speech to character? How does Luke 6:45 mirror what the Proverb says here?
2. Read Proverbs 13:1-3. What does this passage say about speech? What does it reveal about the fruit or outcome of our speech?
3. Read Proverbs 15:1-4. What does this passage teach us about the fruit or the outcome of our speech? What does this reveal about wise speech?
4. Read Proverbs 18:21. What does this passage say about the power of the tongue and what do you think he means by- “those who love it will eat its fruit?”

Meditation & application

5. In what ways do you feel that your speech is currently characterized by wisdom and what do you think you need to work on when it comes to your speech?
6. What would you say your words reveal about your character- positively and negatively?
7. If you were going to ask for prayer for your speech in light of this study what would you want people to pray about for you? (James 1:5)
8. How are Jesus words a revelation of his character and wisdom? How could your words become more like his?

For Further Study- James Chapter 3:1-12 or “War of Words, by Paul Tripp.
Prayer: Heavenly Father. May the words of my lips and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to you- My God, My Rock, My redeemer. Amen