

# The Power of Words

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Our tongue is one of the most powerful body parts (James 3:6)

How much & the way we talk “define” us (Prov. 17:27-28; 10:19)

*Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit (Prov. 18:21)*

## 1. The wrong use of words \_\_\_\_\_ to “death.”

*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen, Eph. 4:29.*

- A. It can kill a person by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 16:28; 17:9; 20:19; Titus 3:2; 1 Pet. 2:1-3).
- B. It can create \_\_\_\_\_ flattery (Prov. 26:28; 28:23).
- C. It can create \_\_\_\_\_, strife and anger (Prov. 18:6; 29:11; Col. 3:8).
- D. It can create \_\_\_\_\_-up ego (Prov. 27:2).
- E. It can be used for \_\_\_\_\_, vulgarity, and \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 15:4; Col. 3:8).
- F. It can be used for lies and \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 6:16-19; 14:25).

## 2. The right use of words \_\_\_\_\_ “life.”

- A. It can offer wisdom and advice (Prov. 10:31; 15:7).
- B. It can be used to reproof, rebuke and exhort (Prov. 27:6; 17:10).
- C. It can be used to \_\_\_\_\_ others (Prov. 15:4; 12:18; 15:23; 16:24).
- D. It can be used to teach, comfort and witness (Prov. 10:20-21; 11:30).
- E. It can be used for \_\_\_\_\_ God (James 3:9-12).

**Accountability of words:** Mathew 12:36

**Seeking God’s help:** Psalm 19:14; 141:3