

The Amazing Power of Your Words

Have you ever stopped to think about the power of your speech? According to Proverbs 18:21 you have the power of life and death in your tongue. That's amazing strength, and not to be taken lightly. Consider the possibilities your miracle-working words possess. With all this power in your tongue, perhaps it would be worthwhile to choose words with care.

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

Every day, we are given opportunities to release the power of life and death with our words. According to God's Word, what we say really matters. What are we saying? What should we say? And what should we not say?

"He who has knowledge spares his words, and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. Even a fool, when he holds his peace, is counted wise; and he who shuts his lips is esteemed a man of understanding" (Prov. 17:27-28).

If we will learn how to hold our tongues, we will keep ourselves from a heap of unnecessary troubles.

"Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from troubles" (Prov. 21:23).

The power of our speech runs deep into the affairs of life and our words can be life-giving. Are we using them in a godly and mature manner? Are we producing what God desires us to produce—life?

"The words of a man's mouth are like deep waters [copious and difficult to fathom]; the fountain of [mature, godly] wisdom is like a bubbling stream [sparkling, fresh, pure, and life-

giving]" (Prov. 18:4, AMP).

I say it this way in my new book, *The Prophetic and Healing Power of Your Words*, "God creates the power of the tongue to release healing, to create miracles and to build one another up in the faith—not to tear down and discourage one another." If you want to learn more about the prophetic and healing power of your words, check out the free preview of chapter 1.
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