

"Wise Words & Slips of the Tongue, Part 1"

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Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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Proverbs 15:1-33

BIG IDEA: Oh, be careful little mouth what you say.

*"The lips of the wise broadcast knowledge,
but not so the heart of fools."*

Proverbs 15:7 (CSB)



Never underestimate the impact of our words.

- Our words either bring life or death.
- Our words can either be wounding weapons or healing medicine.
- Our words can either be "right on time" or really off schedule.



Never forget the impact of positive words.

- Our words bring either verbal wealth or verbal poverty.
- Our words either nourish or starve others.
- Our words are either a truthful witness or false deception.
- Our words either calm things down or stir things up.
- Our words are either a cooling shade or crushing rock.

- Our words are either measured wisdom or gushing folly.
- Our words are either like fine jewelry or dime store knockoffs.
- Our words are either patiently gentle or impatiently harsh.



So what am I going to do about it?

- Words matter and make an impact.
- Once our words have been spoken, there's no taking them back.
- Those who master their tongues are not only wise, but also a huge benefit to others.
- Our capacity to use words well is a major indicator of whether or not we've "given up the SELF-LIFE".

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READ: Proverbs 15:1-33

THINK: Ponder the positive impact of our words as taught in Proverbs, then ask yourself these questions: *How do my words reflect that I have "given up the self-life" or not? Do my words do more to help or hinder? If last week's vocabulary and conversations were to earn you a paycheck, would you be "rollin' in the dough" or bankrupt? Have your words been measured with care this week, or have they been more like a gushing faucet? Of the various metaphors and images encountered in today's message, which ones have the most impact with you: life vs. death; weapons vs. medicine; nourishment vs. starvation; etc.? Why?*

DO: Rate your words on a scale of 1-10, 1 being "LIFE" and 10 being "DEATH".