

Guarding the Doors of Our Relationships

Message #3 "Sticks and Stones"

James 3:1-13, Survey

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Three Things We Need to Know about Words

TRUTH #1: Words have incredible _____.

James 3:9-10 "With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. 10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing." See also Prov. 18:6-7

TWO TYPES OF WORDS

"The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit." Prov. 18:21

----- - **Words that destroy**

1. ----- **words**

Prov. 19:13 "A foolish son is his father's ruin, and a quarrelsome wife is like a constant dripping."
See also Prov. 21:9 & 27:15, 16

2. ----- **words**

"Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing." Prov. 12:18

"A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control...Do you see a man who speaks in haste?
There is more hope for a fool than for him." Prov. 29:11 & 20

3. ----- **words**

Eph. 4:29 "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." See also Prov. 11:12

4. ----- **words**

Prov. 15:4 "The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit."
See also Prov. 15:14

More Hand Grenade Words...

5. Frustrating words- Eph. 6:4
 6. Deceitful words- Job 27:4, Psalm 50:19
 7. Slandering words- Psalm 15:2-3
 8. Lying words- Prov. 6:16-19 & 12:19
 9. Reckless words- Prov. 12:18
 10. Mean (malicious) words- Prov. 17:4-5
 11. Sarcastic words- Prov. 26:18-28
 12. Harsh words- Col. 3:19, 1 Tim 5:1
- Divisive, troublesome words- 1 Tim. 6:3-5

----- - **words that heal**

1. ----- **words**

"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." Prov. 15:1

"Through patience a ruler can be persuaded, and a gentle tongue can break a bone." Prov. 25:15

2. _____ **words**

Eph. 4:29 "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."

3. _____ **words**

Job 4:4 "Your words have supported those who stumbled; you have strengthened faltering knees."

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Prov. 12:18 "...the tongue of the wise brings healing."

More Band Aid Words...

Understanding words- Prov. 11:12 & 17:28

Cautious words- Prov. 10:19, 20

Thoughtful words- Prov. 25:11

Truthful words- Prov. 12:19

Pleasant words- Prov. 16:21

Encouraging words- 1 Thess. 4:18

TRUTH #2: Words have tremendous _____.

James 3:2-5 "If anyone can control his tongue, it proves that he has perfect control over himself in every other way. 3 We can make a large horse turn around and go wherever we want by means of a small bit in his mouth. 4 And a tiny rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot wants it to go, even though the winds are strong. 5 So also the tongue is a small thing, but what enormous damage it can do. A great forest can be set on fire by one tiny spark." TLB

"Three things come not back- The spent arrow- The spoken word- The lost opportunity" Unknown

TRUTH #3: Words can be _____ - but not by _____. 3:8-11

"...but no human being can tame the tongue... 11 Does a spring of water bubble out first with fresh water and then with bitter water? 12 Can you pick olives from a fig tree, or figs from a grape vine? No, and you can't draw fresh water from a salty pool." TLB

"For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him." Matt. 12:34-35 (Jesus)

"I said, 'I will watch my ways and keep my tongue from sin...'" Psalm 39:1

"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words...words have the power to heal or destroy."
Pastor Phil

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