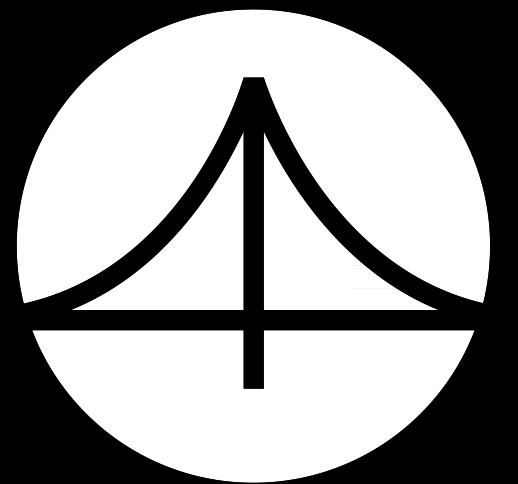


Proverbs: Speaking Death and Life

Proverbs 1:33; 10:20; 12:18; 15:1; 15:28; 16:20-21;
18:21; 19:27; 25:15; 30:5-6



“All of us are tricked into thinking that words aren’t really that important, because they fill all those little mundane moments of our lives. Maybe that’s exactly why they are profoundly important. I don’t want to hurt your feelings, but you only make three or four big decisions in your life. Most of us won’t be written up in history books. Several decades after you die, the people you leave behind will struggle to remember the events of your life. You live your life in the utterly mundane. And if God doesn’t rule your mundane, he doesn’t rule you, because that’s where you live.”

– Paul Tripp

Words have the power of death and life.

- **The Power of Words**
- **The Power Behind Words**
- **The Power to Change Words**

The Power of Words

- Death and life are in the power of the tongue (18:21)
- In our world, words tend more easily toward death than toward life
- We don't have to intend harm to bring death with words, we can just be careless
- How, when, and why we speak are as important as what we say
- This power is in tongues that speak to us as well

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The Power Behind Words

- Our problem is that our words operate on a flawed power source
- The things that come out of us reflect what's inside us
- We speak words of death because there is false worship or wrong love in our hearts

The Power to Change Words

- To be on the path to life, we need to hear God's words
- The more power God's words have to control our desires and how we see the world, the more we'll be free to bring life with our words
- God has given us the church so we can bring God's words of life to one another

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