

“What Kind Of Words Are You Using?” Pt. 1

Lesson Text: **Proverbs 18:21**. Our Words Have Meaning: Good Or Bad.

I. Words That Tear Down Or Build Others Up?

- Do We Really Like Being With People Who Tear Down Others To Benefit Themselves?
- Ways That Words Can Tear Down Others:
 - Speaking Evil Of Others- **Psalm 41:5-8; 64:1-4**.
 - Talebearing & Gossip About Others- **Leviticus 19:16; Proverbs 11:13; 18:8**.
 - Mocking & Maligning Others- **2 Samuel 6:14-23; Nehemiah 4:3**.
- Our Time Is Better Spent With People Who Build Us Up.
 - “Those Who Lift Us Up” and Help Us To Be A Better Person!
 - Those Who Edify (build up) Others- **Colossians 4:6; Romans 15:2**.
 - Those Who Follow Christ Put Away All Evil Speaking- **Ephesians 4:31-32**.

II. Words That Express Our Pride Or Humility?

- Our Words Very Often Reflect What Is In Our Heart.... **Matthew 12:33-34**.
- Pride: **Psalm 73:9 (NASB); Daniel 4:28-34; Exodus 5:2**.
- Humility: **Exodus 3:11; 1 Samuel 18:18; 2 Samuel 7:18; 2 Chronicles 2:6**.

III. Words Of Strife Or Peace?

- Words That Bring Strife Are Because Of Anger, Jealousy, & Hatred.
- Strife From The Old Testament: **Genesis 13:5-8; 26:20; 37:4; Proverbs 6:19**.
- Strife From The New Testament: **1 Corinthians 3:1-4; Philippians 1:12-18 (ESV)**.
- **James 4:1-2**, Not God’s Way!
- We Should Use Our Words To Bring Peace, Unity, & Togetherness.
 - **Matthew 5:9; Luke 10:5-6**.
 - Peace Must Be Intentionally Pursued:
 - **James 3:18; Romans 14:19; 1 Peter 3:10-12**.

IV. Words Of Deception & Lies Or The Truth?

- **1 Kings 13:11-18; Jeremiah 23:25-32; Romans 3:13**.
- Deception Doesn’t Save- **2 Thessalonians 1:8-12**.
- Only Truth Helps Our Neighbors- **Ephesians 4:25; 4:15**.
- Only The Truth Saves! **Acts 26:24-29**.