

October 2018

## The Power of Words

Pray First: Then, read the Mission Statement:

### WELCOME:

A timely word spoken can alter someone's future. Take some time and have several or all tell of a time someone has spoken into their life and changed their future.

### WORSHIP:

Insert worship into the lesson plan as a place for it opens. Hopefully, a testimony, a word of faith, will come through the discussion you are leading and it will be a natural expression of thanksgiving/worship to God.

### LESSON:

Our scripture tonight is Proverbs 18:21 - "The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit."

It is interesting that if you look in your Bible in Genesis Chapter 1, you will find in Verses 3,6,9,11,14... (Read these verses to show some examples) that God created the world by speaking it into existence. He could have very easily willed it so by molding it or gathering materials to accomplish it, instead He used His voice and His words to make it happen. What power must have been in those words that he would speak and Creation happened.

When Lazarus arose from the grave and defied death, Jesus did not go and pull him out of the grave, He simply used His words and spoke, "Lazarus, come forth" He could have easily used His hands or had someone to go and get the body, yet, He once again chose to use His words. He used words to bring about life from death.

Ephesians 4:29 says, "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."

We don't always realize the weight our words carry and the effect it can have on others. We can encourage or discourage.

The words we speak can either set a person free or put them into prison. When we speak positive, we see the positive impact, when we speak negative, we always see negative results.

By carefully choosing our words, our words can become a ministry because we are meeting the needs of others and benefitting those who are also listening.

A great example of this is if a parent continually tells his child he is stupid and irresponsible, then that child, as well as most around him, will grow up believing that he is just that... stupid and irresponsible. Those are words that place him into prison. Conversely, if a parent tells his child that he is a blessing, a gift from God, and a great person that God has great plans for, then that child will be set free to experience that very thing.

We can make a life changing difference in someone's life by the words that we use, good and bad.

### Discussion

1. Sometimes, how we phrase something can make a big difference. Can anyone give an example?
2. The real challenge is when we don't recognize that what we say and how we say things hurt others. What can be done to help someone learn that what he or she said or how it was said was hurtful?
3. What can you do to make this Christian principle become a daily lifestyle?

## HOME FELLOWSHIP MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Home Groups to provide the Body of Christ a safe haven to minister to the needs of others by opening our homes in fellowship, joining together in worship, and encouraging each other to become more like Christ.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies Shopping Trip – Oct 27th

Trunk or Treat – Oct 31 5:30 – 7:30