
SERMON OUTLINE

Our Words Matter

Selected Proverbs

I. Why our words matter (Matthew 12:34-37; James 3:1-12)

- Our words matter because they reveal our heart.

II. Words can hurt.

The chaos of sinful words

- When it's not really true (17:20; 21:6)
- When it's harsh or mean (10:11-14; 11:9; 12:18)
- When it's inappropriate or coarse (8:13; Ephesians 5:4)
- When we talk too quick and too much (Proverbs 10:19; 11:12-13; 13:3; 15:28; 17:27-28; 21:23)

III. Words can help and heal.

The glory of good and wise words

- Wise and good words come from God (16:1, 21-24)
- Wise words come from a loving heart (4:20, 22; 10:13; 14:3; 18:4; 20:15; 31:26)
- Gracious words bring healing and restoration (10:11; 12:6, 18; 15:1, 4; 15:26; 17:9; 25:15; 1 Peter 3:9).
- Good and timely word benefit and build others up (10:20, 32; 12:14; 13:2; 15:23; 18:20-21; 25:11-12; Ephesians 4:29)

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