

Entrusted With the Power of Life in Our Tongue

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it and indulge it will eat its fruit and bear the consequences of their words. Proverbs 18:21

Words of Death:

Prov 18:6 A fool's lips bring **contention and strife**,
And his mouth **invites a beating**.

Prov 18:7 A fool's mouth **is his ruin**,
And his lips are **the snare of his soul**.

Prov 18:8 The words of a **whisperer (gossip)** are like dainty morsels [to be greedily eaten]; They go down into the innermost chambers of the body [to be remembered and mused upon].

Prov 12:18A (The Message)¹⁸ **Rash language cuts and maims**,

Matt 12:36 But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every **empty word** they have spoken.

Argos-the "idle/empty word" –means the word that is lazy, barren, thoughtless or profitless

2 Tim 2:14-18

¹⁴ Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against **quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen**. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and **who correctly handles the word of truth**. ¹⁶ Avoid **godless chatter**, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. ¹⁷ Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,¹⁸ who have departed from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and **they destroy the faith of some**. ¹⁹ Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "**Everyone who confesses (words generated from the conviction of the heart) the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness.**"

1 Tim 1:3-7

As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people *not to teach false doctrines any longer* ⁴ or to devote themselves to **myths and endless genealogies**. *Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work—which is by faith.* ⁵ The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶ Some have departed from these and have turned to **meaningless talk**. ⁷ They want to be teachers of the law, but *they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm*.

Kenophobia (*ken-of-o-nee'-ah*) empty discussion, discussion of vain and useless matters. "**babbling**" (from **kenos**, "empty," and **phone**, "a sound"), signifies empty discussion, discussion on useless subjects.

1 Tim 6:20 Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from **godless chatter** and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, ²¹ which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith.

Mataiologia - (Strong's G3150) random talk, prideful babble: vain jangling.

Definition of jangling- (google) Jangling refers to producing a harsh, discordant, or metallic ringing sound (e.g., keys or bells). It can also describe as a grating, unpleasant sound or, in older usage, a noisy dispute, wrangling, or idle, foolish talk. It generally implies a sound that is irritating, metallic, or chaotic.

The Consequences of Words of Death:

- They are foolish and directly hurtful to one's self and to others.
- Quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen.
- Godless chatter results in becoming more and more ungodly
- False teaching will spread like gangrene!
- By departing from the Truth and talking about false ideas we have the ability destroy the faith of some
- Devoting ourselves to myths, fables, fantasy stories and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work.

(The Message) | Tim 1:3-4 On my way to the province of Macedonia, I advised you to stay in Ephesus. Well, I haven't changed my mind. Stay right there on top of things so that the teaching stays on track. **Apparently, some people have been introducing fantasy stories and fanciful family trees that digress into silliness instead of pulling the people back into the center, deepening faith and obedience.**

Words of Life:

Prov 18:4 The words of a man's mouth are like deep waters [copious and difficult to fathom]; **The fountain of [mature, godly] wisdom is like a bubbling stream [sparkling, fresh, pure, and life-giving].**

Prov 12:18 (Message)¹⁸ Rash language cuts and maims,
but there is healing in the words of the wise.

Prov 16:24 Gracious words are a honeycomb,
sweet to the soul and **healing to the bones.**

Ps 107:19-20 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress.

²⁰ **He sent out his word and healed them;**
he rescued them from the grave.

Prov 4:20-22 My son, pay attention to **what I say;**
turn your ear **to my words.**

²¹ Do not let them out of your sight,
keep them within your heart;

²² **for they are life to those who find them**
and health to one's whole body.

Proverbs 15:4 The soothing tongue is a tree of life,

but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit. 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.**

Numbers 12:1-16 Moses prays for Miriam, "God, please heal her," demonstrating the power of Words that bring Life through intercession.

John 6:53-69 Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no **life** in you. ⁵⁴Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal **life**, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵For My flesh is real food and My blood is real drink. ⁵⁶Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood *remains in me, and I in them*. ⁵⁷Just as the **living** Father sent Me and I **live** because of the Father, so the one who feeds on Me will **live** because of Me. ⁵⁸This is The Bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on This Bread will **live** forever." ⁵⁹He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. ⁶⁰On hearing it, *many of his disciples* said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" ⁶¹Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where He was before! ⁶³**The Spirit gives life**; the flesh counts for nothing. **The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life**. ⁶⁴Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵He went on to say, "This is why I told you that *no one can come to Me unless the Father has enabled them*." ⁶⁶*From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him*. ⁶⁷"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "**Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life**. ⁶⁹We have come to **believe** and to know that **You are the Holy One of God**."

Matt 12:36-37 But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every *empty word* they have spoken.

³⁷ **For by your words you will be acquitted**, (dikaioo- innocent, free, justified) and **by your words you will be condemned**." (Katadikazo- pronounce guilty)

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Romans 10: 8-15 But what does it say? "**The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart**," that is, **the message concerning faith that we proclaim**: ⁹**If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved**. (acquitted!) ¹⁰**For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved**. ¹¹As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." ¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. (acquitted!)" ¹⁴**How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?** As it is written: "**How beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News!**"

Hebrews 11:3 says *By faith we understand that the world has been created by the Word of God, so that what is seen has not been made out things that are visible*.

Peh- Strong's Concordance H6310

Meaning: mouth, speech, edge, opening, command

Significance: It is remarkable how often the reluctant prophet's objections center on the mouth. Moses: slow of speech. Jeremiah: too young to speak. Isaiah: unclean lips.

The mouth is the instrument of prophetic calling, the vehicle through which God's word travels into the world. When these men objected about their mouths, they were saying, "The very thing You need me to do is the thing I cannot do." And God's response is always the same: "I made your mouth. I will fill your mouth. Your mouth is not the problem, your willingness is." God provides what the calling requires. *(Quote from FaithLabz)*

Duet 30:19-20

¹⁹This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you **life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life**, so that you and your children may live ²⁰**and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life**, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.