

# Wisdom's Words

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### I. Introduction

Psalm 139:14 "fearfully and wonderfully made"

### II. Human communication is God's gift

Psalm 33:9 "He spake and it was done, he commanded and it stood fast"

### III. Sin affects communication

Matthew 12:34-35 "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things"

### IV. Components of communication

Shannon-Weaver model: 1) Source 2) Creation (encoding) 3)Transmission 4)Reception 5)Interpretation (decoding) 6)Response

### V. Elements of communication

- A. Content
- B. Tone of voice
- C. Nonverbal communication

### VI. Biblical principles for wise and godly verbal communication

#### A. Words are powerful

##### 1. For bad:

James 3:6, 8 "the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell...the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison"

Proverbs 11:9 "An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbor"

##### 2. For good:

Proverbs 25:11 "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures/settings of silver"

##### 3. Conclusion: Never undervalue words

Proverbs 18:21 "Death and life are in the power of the tongue"

## **B. Words need to be wise-Practically**

### **-Listen before you respond**

Proverbs 18:13 "He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him"

Proverbs 29:20 "Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him"

### **-Weigh your words: Think before speaking**

Proverbs 15:28 "The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things"

James 1:26 "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain"

### **-Always speak truth**

Proverbs 14:25 "A true witness delivereth souls: but a deceitful witness speaketh lies"

John 8:32 "The truth shall make you free"

### **-Use edifying words**

Proverbs 15:4 "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life"

2 Cor. 12:19 "We speak before God in Christ. But we do all things, beloved, for your edification"

1 Thess. 5:11 "Therefore comfort one another and edify each other"

## **C. Words come from the heart**

Mathew 15:18 "those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man"

#### **D. God's Solution: Heart surgery**

Ezekiel 36:26-27 "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them"

Psalm 51:10 "Create in me a clean heart, O God"

#### **E. The surgical tool: God's Word**

Hebrews 4:12 "The word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart"

#### **F. The results**

Proverbs 16:23 "The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth"

#### **G. Warning Word**

Matthew 12:36 "every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment"

#### **VII Conclusion: Psalm 19**

Psalter 40:3, 5, 6