



The Power of Words

The average person speaks about 16,000 words per day. Just how important are those words?

1. Words can give or take life

Proverbs 12:6

The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood,
but the mouth of the upright delivers them.

Proverbs 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
and those who love it will eat its fruits.

2. What you say can and will be used against you

Matthew 12:36–37

3. Words can build others up – so do some building

Eph. 4:29

Questions to ask about the words I speak

Are my words the best words?

Does my face say the same things as my mouth?

Are my words backed up by action?

Do my words have any hidden meaning? To me? To my listener?

What tone do my words strike?

Do my words contain truth?

Do my words “spin” the truth?

Does God approve my message?

Is this the right time and place to say what needs to be said?

Does my speech suffer from “Too Much Information”?

Do I talk *to* people or *about* people?