

think of being accountable for each word you say!

We live in an "anything goes" world-and some people might wonder what difference our words make. They might question why it matters that we allow some words and consider others to be unacceptable. Let's look at some standards from the Bible.

- Speak the truth in love (Psalm 15:2; 34:13; Ephesians 4:15).
- Do not slander others (Psalm 15:3).
- Praise God; don't speak evil (James 3:10).
- Be wise; don't talk when you shouldn't (Proverbs 10:19).
- Avoid corrupt words (Ephesians 4:29); speak pleasant ones (Proverbs 16:24).

The overriding idea behind knowing what kinds of words to say is found in Psalm 19:14, where David said, "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord." If any other kinds of words pass through our lips, let's stomp them out! -DB

REFLECTION

- What are some words I know I shouldn't say, but I keep saying?
- If someone were to label my mouth because of the things I say, would it be mint-flavored, a bit stale, or serious halitosis?

**What am I going to do this week to stomp out the wrong things I say?
What resources do I have to control bad words?**



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Information for Visitors.

- * We're glad you're here. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're very welcome to join us for a cuppa after church.
- * a Kid's Church and creche is normally provided, during the sermon for the **toddler to primary age bracket**. Please ask for details.

STOMP OUT THOSE WORDS

My daughter Julie and her friend Alyssa have been stomping around on the gym floor at school. Even though they were team mates on their district champion basketball team, this has nothing to do with bad calls by the ref or missed shots.

Instead, it's a little ritual they've developed to remind themselves of a great biblical principle based on Proverbs 16:24, "Pleasant words are a honeycomb" and its converse, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths" (Ephesians 4:29).

Julie and Alyssa decided that one way to remind themselves that only good words should come out of their mouths is to "stomp out" any words they know they shouldn't say.

For instance, if they say something they shouldn't about someone else, they go into the gym and stomp out those words. It may seem silly, but





Our Home

Good Words II

Proverbs nails for us two aspects of good words:

1. How to choose good words, (last time)

2. Benefits of good words,

◆ Good words _____, Matthew 7:17-20

(Proverbs 10:21) "The lips of the righteous feed many, ..."

(1 Peter 2:1-2) "Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, {2} as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,"

(Proverbs 13:2) "A man shall eat well by the fruit of his mouth, ...
But the soul of the unfaithful feeds on violence."

(Deuteronomy 6:6-9) ""And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. {7} "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. {8} "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. {9} "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."



◆ Good words _____,

(Proverbs 12:18) "There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise promotes health."

(Proverbs 12:25) "Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad."

(Proverbs 13:17) "A wicked messenger falls into trouble, But a faithful ambassador brings health."

(Proverbs 15:23) "A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word spoken in due season, how good it is!"

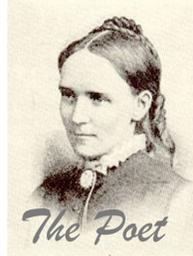
(Proverbs 15:30) "The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, And a good report makes the bones healthy."

(Proverbs 16:24) "Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones."

◆ Good words are _____,

(Proverbs 10:11) "The mouth of the righteous is a well of life, .."

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



but perverseness in it breaks the spirit."

◆ Good words bring _____, Matthew 12:35-37, 13:52

(Proverbs 10:20) "The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; The heart of the wicked is worth little."

(Proverbs 20:15) "There is gold and a multitude of rubies, But the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel."

◆ Good words are _____,

(Proverbs 15:26) "The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD, But the words of the pure are pleasant."

(Proverbs 24:26) "He who gives a right answer kisses the lips."

(Proverbs 25:11) "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold In settings of silver."

(Ephesians 4:29) "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers."



◆ Good words give _____,

(Proverbs 12:20) "Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, But counselors of peace have joy."



◆ Good words _____,

(Proverbs 11:9) "The hypocrite with his mouth destroys his neighbor, But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered."

(Proverbs 12:13) "The wicked is ensnared by the transgression of his lips, But the righteous will come through trouble."

(Proverbs 13:3) "He who guards his mouth preserves his life, But he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction."

(Proverbs 14:3) "In the mouth of a fool is a rod of pride, But the lips of the wise will preserve them."

(Proverbs 14:25) "A true witness delivers souls, But a deceitful witness speaks lies."

(Proverbs 18:21) "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit."

