

# Careless or Wise

*“Careless words stab like a sword, but wise words bring healing.”*  
(Proverbs 12:18).

Most of people beat themselves or others up verbally. Negative words are easier to say and are far more common (ouch). So let's get a little personal ok? All day long, you have the chance to speak His Words into situations. So why is it you often choose words that carry no life? None one really has any idea of the power words carry to impact one's life.

If your words don't edify, build up or encourage, they are careless and careless words have no value or good. Careless words don't carry life and works against the purposes of God. When you choose to speak God's Word, there is an immeasurable return in this life time and in eternity. You have the choice to be careless or wise?

If your words were not powerful why would God have written so many scriptures concerning them (see the end of this devotional for a few passages)? God's word always bring life. Always! Negative words produce nothing! God's word — the word of God is so powerful. God's Word is life-giving. God's Word is filled with incredible power that brings encouragement and wisdom. God's Word can turn someone's bad day into a good day.

I love the fact that we each have the ability to speak His Words and His words spoken are life. His Words leap life into existence. Not sometimes, but every time! *“Jesus said, “It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life”* (John 6:63).

Scripture assures you that your words when speaking to others or about others, is VERY powerful when you speak God's word. When you speak His Word, you are not careless but wise, and actually come into partnership with God. God's Word brings life and never returns void (Isaiah 55:11). God's Word changes perspectives. God's Word changes attitudes. Gods Words can change the direction of one's faith from death to life.

It is so important that you determine to control the words you speak. So come on! Choose life today- speak words that are encouraging, peaceful, healing, kind, lovely, and up-lifting. Let His words flow out of you enabling Him to help change the lives of others.

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## **SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE WORDS YOU SPEAK**

- Proverbs 18:21 - Death and life [are] in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.
- Matthew 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.
- 2 Corinthians 4:13 - We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;
- Matthew 12:34-36 - O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.
- Ephesians 4:15- rather speaking the truth in love...
- Luke 6:45- A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of
- Ephesians 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.
- Proverbs 17:48- Even fools are thought wise if they keep silent, and discerning if they hold their tongues.
- Proverbs 4:24 -Put away perversity from your mouth; keep corrupt talk far from your lips.
- James 1:19- My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.
- 1 John 3:18- Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.
- Proverbs 13:3- Those who guard their lips preserve their lives, but those who speak rashly will come to ruin.
- Proverbs 10:19- Sin is not ended by multiplying words, but the prudent hold their tongues.
- James 3:2- We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.
- Psalm 71:8- My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long.
- 1 Peter 3:9- Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing