

## Pierce Like a Sword

“Speaking rashly is like a piercing sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing”  
Proverbs 12:18.

If truth be told, most of us beat ourselves and others up verbally. The enemy is constantly trying to tear down the godly and guess who he uses sometime to help? You and me. Negative words flow easier and are far more common (ouch).

Proverbs 12:18, “Reckless words pierce like a sword.”

If your words don't edify, build up or encourage, they are reckless and reckless words pierce like a sword. That's pretty specific concerning the damage a sword can do! Reckless words carry no life and work against the purposes of God in your life and others.

All day long, you have the chance to speak His Words into situations, yet how often do you choose words that carry no life. None of us really have any idea of the power we hold to impact another's life with our words.

When you choose to speak God's Word, there is an immeasurable return in this life time and in eternity. Your words can help others. Your words can encourage others. Your words have the ability to change lives.

If your words were not powerful God would not have written so many scriptures concerning them (here are just a few).

- 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.

I love the fact that we each have the ability to speak out His Words and when we do life leaps into existence. Think about that! Life leaps into existence. WOW. When you speak His Word, good things happen.

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).

God's word bring life. Negative words are part of the flesh and produce nothing! But 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.

Scripture assures you that your words and the language you use is VERY powerful when you speak God's word. When you speak His Word, you are not piercing someone with a sword, but you actually come into partnership with God.

God's Word never returns void. God's Word changes perspective. God's Word changes attitudes. God's Word changes 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 to speak words that are encouraging, peaceful, healing, kind, lovely, and uplifting.

- 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

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