



## Choose Your Words Carefully

**Proverbs 18:21:** "The \_\_\_\_\_ has the power of life and death."

1. \_\_\_\_\_ owns our words.
2. God spoke to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 30:5:** "Every \_\_\_\_\_ of God is flawless."

### Proverbs and sinful words

"The advice of the wicked is deceitful"

"Fools show \_\_\_\_\_ at once, are hot-headed and commit many sins, \_\_\_\_\_ out folly, stir up dissension, and delight in airing their own \_\_\_\_\_"

"Pride breeds quarrels"

"\_\_\_\_\_ separates close friends"

James 3:1-12 Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. 2We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check. 3When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. 4Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. 5Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. 6The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. 7All kinds of animals, birds,

reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, 8but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. 10Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. 11Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? 12My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

*You can't tame the \_\_\_\_\_ because you can't tame the \_\_\_\_\_!*

### Heart Probing Questions

1. "What is it that I want that I am not \_\_\_\_\_?"
2. "Do I want this thing \_\_\_\_\_ that a good thing now rules my heart, affections, and thoughts more than my master, the Lord Jesus Christ?"

### Proverbs

A wise and mature believer doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ the Words of His master (4:5). He listens closely to his master and stores them up in his \_\_\_\_\_ (7:1).

**Proverbs 17:27:** "A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even-tempered."

**In which relationship do your words need to change from giving death to giving life?**

**What is your heart craving in those moments instead of Christ Himself, His rule, His WORDS, and the other person's good?**