

Sermon Supplement from July 21

Proverbs #6 - Words

WARM UP

- Respond to this statement: “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me.”
- Talk about the destructive and healing power of words.

DIG IN – Reflect on the following Bad Words and Good Words with a view toward application in your own life:

- **Bad Words:** Lying (12:19; 12:22), Gossip (11:13; 17:9; 18:8; 26:20), Boasting (27:1-2); Flattery (29:5; 28:23); Deceitful (26:24-26); Harsh (15:1); Perverse (4:24); Seductive (7:21); Many (10:19; 18:13).
- **Good Words:** Encouraging (12:25); Healing (12:18); Edifying (15:2); Loving Rebuke (27:6); Appropriate (25:11); Gracious (16:24); Honest (24:26); Few (17:27-28); Wise (16:23).

WRAP UP

- Who are the people affected by your words?
- What good words do they need to hear more?
- What bad words do they need to hear less?
- What are your words saying about your heart?

PROVERBS READING CHALLENGE: Read through Proverbs 2-3 chapters per week over the summer using the H.E.A.R. method described below. If you are meeting in a small group or with your family, spend some time each meeting sharing what you are learning.

- **HIGHLIGHT:** While reading your selected text for the day typically a verse, phrase, or idea will stand out. Write that down.
- **EXPLAIN:** Using basic Bible study principles explain what that verse or thought means in your own words. Be careful to explain the meaning considering the context.
- **APPLY:** Record how what you have read applies to the way you think, feel, act.
- **RESPOND:** Write down a prayer or action step that you will take.

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Proverbs Resources:

- *God’s Word for You: Proverbs, Kathleen Nielson – devotional, easy to read*
- *Preaching the Word: Proverbs, Raymond Ortlund – application focused, pastoral*
- *Baker Commentary Old Testament: Proverbs, Tremper Longman III – scholarly, yet accessible.*

Next Week’s Sermon: Work (Pastor Jonathan Waller)