



KEEP CALM & WISE UP

"My Words"

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*Death and life are in the **power of the tongue**, and those who love it will eat its fruits.* Proverbs 18:21

Words are powerful because:

- Words are _____.
- Words _____ within.
*"Reckless words **pierce** like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing."* Proverbs 12:18
- Words _____ far and wide.
*"A scoundrel plots evil, and his speech is like a **scorching fire**."* Proverbs 16:27

Ways to be Wise With My Words:

1. _____ more.

*"The heart of the righteous **weighs its answers**, but the mouth of the wicked gushes evil."* Proverbs 15:28
*"Do you see a man who is **hasty in his words**? There is more hope for a fool than for him."* Proverbs 29:20

2. _____ less.

*"When words are many, sin is not absent, but he **who holds his tongue** is wise."* Proverbs 10:19

*"Even a fool is thought wise if he **keeps silent**, and discerning if he holds his tongue."* Proverbs 17:28

*"He who **guards his lips** guards his life, but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin."* Proverbs 13:3

- _____ Proverbs 11:13; 16:28
- **Quarreling** Proverbs 20:3; 29:22
- _____ Proverbs 12:19
- _____ Proverbs 25:1

3. _____ better.

*"He who listens to a life-giving **rebuke** will be at home among the wise."* Proverbs 15:31
*"Listen to **advice** and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise."* Proverbs 19:20
*"He who **answers before listening**—that is his folly and shame."* Proverbs 18:13

4. _____ often.

*"The tongue that brings healing is a **tree of life**."* Proverbs 15:4
*"A **gentle answer** turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."* Proverbs 15:1
*"The mouth of the righteous is a **fountain of life**."* Proverbs 10:11
*"Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and **healing** to the bones."* Proverbs 16:24
*"A word aptly spoken is like **apples of gold in settings of silver**."* Proverbs 25:11

NEXT STEPS for Week Five - "My Words":

- Ask God - "What's the wise thing to do with my words?"
- Volunteer for our annual FALL FESTIVAL on October 29, 6-8 p.m.
- Bring someone with you for the final week of KEEP CALM.