



OLD SCHOOL WISDOM | Week 3  
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**BIG IDEA | Our words bring *LIFE* or *DEATH*.**

**Proverbs 18:21 (NLT)**

<sup>21</sup> The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences.

**James 3:1-8 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way. <sup>3</sup> We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. <sup>4</sup> And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. <sup>5</sup> In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. <sup>6</sup> The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

<sup>7</sup> All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup> but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

## **WORDS ARE *POWERFUL*.**

### **Deadly Tongue:**

- Gossips
- Complains

### **Philippians 2:14 (NLT)**

<sup>14</sup> Do everything without complaining and arguing.

- Careless

### **Proverbs 26:18-19 (NLT)**

<sup>18</sup> Just as damaging as a madman shooting a deadly weapon <sup>19</sup> is someone who lies to a friend and then says, "I was only joking."

### **Life-Giving Tongue:**

- Compliments
- Encourages

### **1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT)**

<sup>11</sup> So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing. - **Corrects in love**

### **James 1:19 (NLT)**

<sup>19</sup> Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

## **OUR WORDS *REVEAL* WHO WE REALLY ARE.**

### **Luke 6:45 (NLT)**

<sup>45</sup> A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.

**A PERSON WITH A *HARSH* TONGUE = *ANGRY* HEART**  
**A PERSON WITH A *NEGATIVE* TONGUE = *SAD* HEART**  
**A PERSON WITH A *BOASTING* TONGUE = *INSECURE* HEART**  
**A PERSON WITH A *FILTHY* TONGUE = *IMPURE* HEART**  
**A PERSON WITH A *CRITICAL* TONGUE = *BITTER* HEART**

**Psalm 51:10 (NLT)**

<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God.

**Psalm 141:3 (NLT)**

<sup>3</sup> Take control of what I say, O Lord, and guard my lips.

**Isaiah 6:5-7 (NLT)**

<sup>5</sup> Then I said, "It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven's Armies."

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> He touched my lips with it and said, "See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven."