

Introduction:

What does history tell us about the power of words?

Words of Grace (or not)

Consider the school 'proverb': "Sticks and Stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me." Why would you never read that in Proverbs.

What does Proverbs say harsh words can be like?:

Proverbs 12:18

Proverbs 16:27

On the positive side, what does Proverbs say good words can do?

Proverbs 12:18

Proverbs 10:21

Proverbs 12:25

Why does Proverbs 16:24 compare gracious words to honeycomb?

Words of Influence

Proverbs highlights DISCORD as an area where we can negatively influence people. What is discord?

What does Proverbs 6:16-19 tells us is God's attitude to words that spread discord?

We can influence others by both the content and the character of what we say. What does Proverbs say helps our words be even more persuasive?

Proverbs 16:21

Proverbs 25:15

Regarding the content of what we say, what does Proverbs say the lips of the wise should spread? (Proverbs 15:7)

How can you do that?

Words Under Control

What does Proverbs 10:19 tells us is the problem with words?