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**Using Our Words Wisely (Part 2)**

Proverbs 18:20-21

**Key Truth:** As Christians we should use our words in ways that bring glory to God rather than shame to ourselves and pain to others.

**A Family Feud That Got God’s Attention:** Numbers 12:1-16

1. Using harmful words can cause unnecessary conflict in the

family.

2. We can disagree without attacking someone’s character.

3. Moses chose to let God fight his battle. Numbers 12:3

**Warning:** Be careful whose character you assassinate, that

same person may have to pray for you. Numbers 12:13

**A Missed Opportunity By An Angry Leader**: Numbers 20:10-13

1. When emotions are high logic is low.

2. Moses spoke out of sadness, anger, and frustration.

**Warning:** Using your words in anger can cause you to miss

out on God sized opportunities. Proverbs 14:29, Proverbs 15:18,

Proverbs 16:32, Proverbs 29:11, Psalm 4:4, Ecclesiastes 4:9, James 1:20

**Choose To Be A Barnabas:** Acts 4:36,Proverbs 12:25, Proverbs 20:15

1. Strive to be a person known for sharing wisdom, knowledge,

and encouragement. Acts 9:26-28, Acts 15:39

2. Seek to uplift others and help them reach their God given

potential.

A. Exhort others with God’s truth.

B. Enlighten others with God’s wisdom.

C. Embrace the kind of speech that helps rather than hurts.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Pray that you will use your words to heal rather than hurt others. Allow the Holy Spirit to teach you and lead you to use your words wisely.

**Food For Thought**

Since Proverbs has 31 chapters, a practical way to do this is to daily read the chapter that corresponds to the day of the month and consider these questions:

What applies to me today?

Where have I seen this in others?

Where have I experienced this?

Options To Maximize Your Reading Of Proverbs:

* Pick a Time - If we want to make something happen, we usually need to set a time when it will actually happen. Consider your options.
* Mark it Up - Have a pen in hand to jot down notes and underline those verses that catch your attention. It will be encouraging to look back at what you wrote after you’ve done this over time.
* Write Down Your Thoughts - Get a notebook and write down anytime you have a response to one of the three questions above.

As you do this from day to day, know that you will be storing up for yourself insight on how to handle life as God would want you to, as well as helping others to live out the wisdom and love of God in your life.