



Sermon Notes

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Proverbs 12:25

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Written words can be erased – spoken words cannot.

What would change if we could taste our words before we spit them out?

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A life-giving word of encouragement can do wonders to restore joy to the heart.

Words spoken in anger are hard to heal.

Isaiah 57:16

*16 I will not accuse them forever,
nor will I always be angry,
for then they would faint away because of me—
the very people I have created.*

Words spoken in love always build up – words spoken in hate or anger always tear down.

Fear is often fueled by imagination.



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2 Corinthians 10:3-5

3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

John 17:14

*14 I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.
We have the ability to fight with divinely powered weapons.*

We are called to take condemning words and thoughts to God instead of taking them to heart!

The key is to identify and believe.

Psalms 103:8-12

*8 The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
9 He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

It is God's Agape love that compels Him to do all He does.

We have the choice of which side wins.

God has the power to win every time, but He will not force us to let Him win.

"There are far better things ahead than any we leave behind"
CS Lewis



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