

# WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE

## Introduction

- 1) **John 6:63, 68** – Jesus said His words are life, and Peter stated that Jesus had the words of eternal life – the words of Jesus are the “wonderful words of life”
  - a) We will be judged by those words of life to determine if we will enter into eternal life
- 2) **Psalm 19** – The words of God’s truth proceed from His creative handiwork and His law
  - a) It is important that the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be acceptable to God (v. 14) – they need to be words of life and good
- 3) There are times our mouths can speak words that contradict who we should be as Christians
  - a) **James 3:9-12** – contradictory words should not come out of the same mouth
  - b) Life and death are in the power of the tongue (Prov. 18:21) – be careful what you say!

## I) **COMFORTING vs DISCOURAGING WORDS**

- A) We should comfort others with words of God’s comfort (1 Thess. 5:14; 2 Cor.1:3-7)
    - 1) True forgiveness involves comforting words (2 Cor. 2:7; Gen. 50:21)
  - B) Worthless, bad communication tears down instead of building up [edify] (Eph. 4:29)
    - 1) What comes out of the mouth defiles a person – filthy speech, gossip, etc. (Matt. 15:11)
- Example* – Justice and truth reign in God’s kingdom -vs- chaos and evil reign in men’s kingdoms

## II) **JOYFUL vs WRATHFUL WORDS**

- A) The Christian is to have a joyful attitude (1 Thess. 5:16; Phil. 4:4; 1 Pet. 1:8)
    - 1) Even during trials we uplift one another with joy (1 Pet. 4:13; Jas. 1:2)
  - B) Many in this world are filled with anger and wrath (Jas. 1:19-20; Prov. 29:22)
    - 1) Must not let our lack of control give evil an opportunity (Eph. 4:26-27, 31)
- Example* – I have many blessings despite trials of life -vs- I hate my life and everyone else

## III) **SIMPLE vs DECEPTIVE WORDS**

- A) “Simple” = not over-complicated, sincerity; easy to understand and to the point as opposed to the complicated and deceptive wisdom of this world (2 Cor. 1:12; 11:3)
    - 1) We need to be straightforward and honest about the truth of God’s word
  - B) Deceptive words are designed to mislead and confuse, to lead one astray from the simple truth of God’s word (2 Pet. 2:3)
- Example* – God is alive and has spoken to man -vs- man alone must guide his own steps

## IV) **WISE vs EMPTY WORDS**

- A) Wise words always reflect the wisdom of God (Prov. 4:20-22; Eccl. 12:10-11)
  - B) Empty words are devoid of God’s truth – vain, useless (Eph. 5:6; Col. 2:8)
    - 1) Profane, vain babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge (1 Tim. 6:20-21)
    - 2) Avoid this and guard the faith – the word of the truth of the gospel (Col. 1:5)
- Example* – Fear God and keep His commandments -vs- it doesn’t matter how we live

## Conclusion

**Our words** each day need to reflect what is comforting, joyful, simple, and wise. Such words will not come from our own wisdom, but the wisdom of God. His word gives us LIFE and HOPE – obey and follow God today!