



## **Mocker or Noble Encourager? Part 2 Proverbs 18:20-21**

The Power of Words:

Two Kinds of Words 18:20-21  
Words Change Things 12:18; 25:15

The Mocker's Words of Death:

The Liar 12:22; 6:16-19  
The Gossip 16:28; 18:8; 26:20  
The Flatterer 26:23-28; 29:5

The Noble Encourager's Words of Life:

The Truth Teller 15:2; 24:26  
The Peacemaker 15:1, 4  
The Builder 12: 25; 16:24

Application:

- 1) We all possess the power of words, so guard your tongue.
- 2) Choose the path of the Noble Encourager through the power of God's Spirit.

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# REALife Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

- 1) Why are words so important? What is the role of communication in our relationship with God and others? See John 1:1-18; James 3:1-12.
- 2) Describe a time when someone's words demoralized you. When they empowered you? Generally speaking, how would you characterize your words to others? E.g. analytical, humorous, sarcastic, encouraging, etc.
- 3) Why are words better when used in small quantities? See Proverbs 10:19; 11:12; 13:3; 15:28; 17:28; 21:23. How does this differ from the "culture of self-expression" that we live in today?
- 4) What are some steps we can take to guard our lips and become a Noble Encourager? See Psalm 141:3. How can we teach these principles to the next generation?



## Memory Verse

*"The tongue has the power of life or death, and those who love it will eat its fruit."*

**Proverbs 18:21**