

**God's Wisdom for Our Lives – Week 10**  
**Speaking in Reference to God: Know The Origin of Your Words**

**Review from Proverbs 18:20-21**

1. Death is in the power of the tongue...
  - a. Don't downplay this truth, and don't over-apply this truth.
  
2. Life is in the power of the tongue...
  - a. Don't downplay this truth, and don't over-apply this truth.

**Important Disclaimer:** *This instruction is one-sided...* it is not a license for you to reject what someone says because they don't say it at the right time or in the right way

3. We all eventually eat our words...

**Read Prov 10:20 ..."The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver, the heart of the wicked is worth little"**

1. How does this verse compare the "tongue of the righteous" and the "heart of the wicked"?
  
2. What is actually being compared in these verses?
  
3. What does this verse say about the comparative value of righteous speech vs wicked speech?

**Read Prov 18:4 "The Words of a man's mouth are deep waters; The fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook"**

4. In what way are the words of a man's mouth "deep waters"?
  
5. How is the fountain of wisdom a bubbling brook?
  
6. What does this verse tell us about the source of speech?
  
7. Read James 3:10-12... What is James saying, and how does this relate to Prov 18:4?

## Getting Practical

8. When we speak in ways that we should not, what might we be tempted to identify as the source(s)?
  - a. In other words, what are some of the excuses we make for ungodly speech?
  - b. What are some of the excuses we make for ungodly silence?
  - c. Do we do that (identify other sources) when our speech is godly? Or do we tend to have a double standard?
  
9. Why is it so important to understand that our tongues reveal our hearts?
  - a. What harm might be done if we do not?
  - b. How might it affect our growth and sanctification if we do not?
  
10. How does this theme in Proverbs point us to Christ?