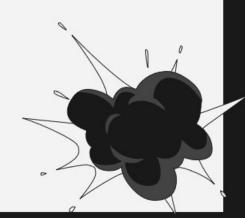
AND TO GOOD FIGHT

#### 1 TIMOTHY 6:12A NLT

<sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight for the true faith.







# THE WEIGHT OF OUR WORDS

#### PROVERBS 18:21 NLT

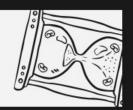
The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences.





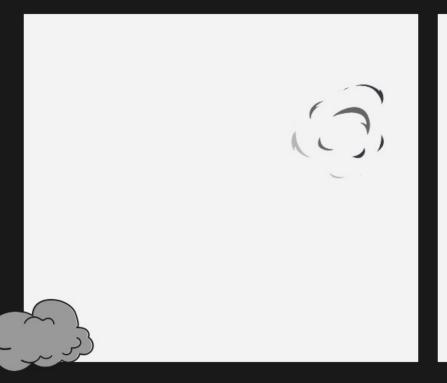






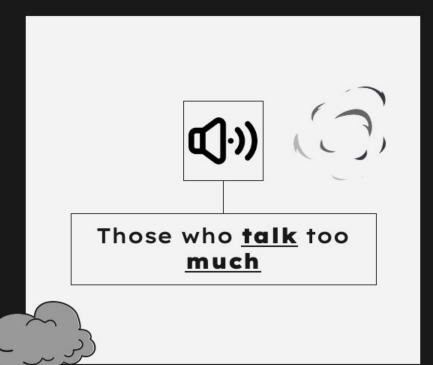
## Many of the battles we fight are being waged in the realm of words.

#### FOR MOST OF US, WE FALL INTO ONE OF TWO CATEGORIES:



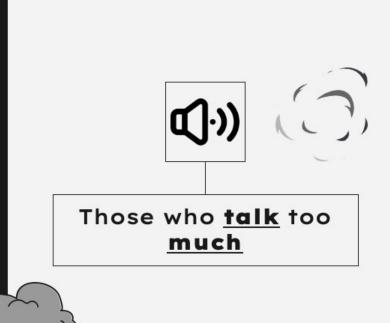


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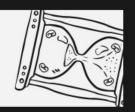
Those that never **speak** 



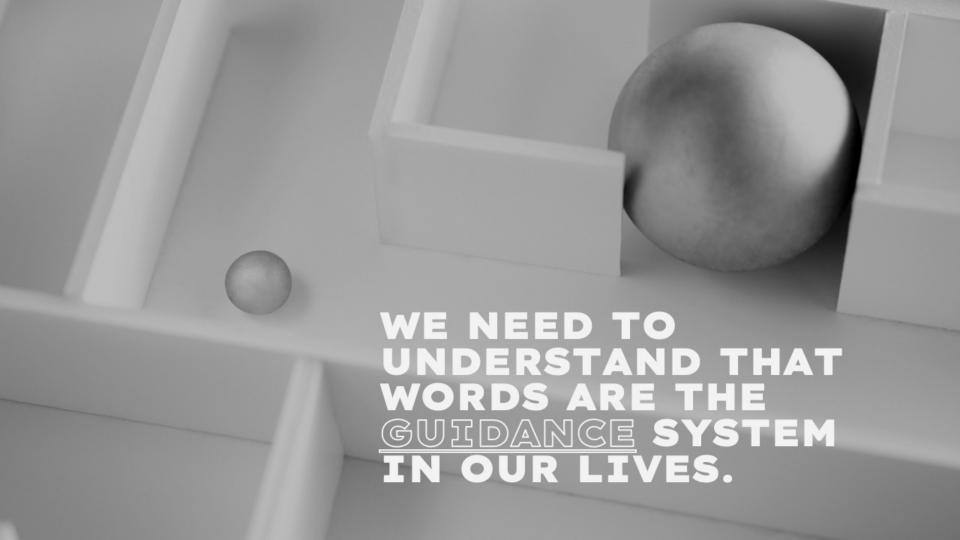








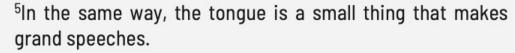
Some of us can quote the words that were never said that we wished had been said.



#### **JAMES 3:2-5** NLT

<sup>2</sup>Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.

<sup>3</sup>We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. <sup>4</sup>And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong.



But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire.



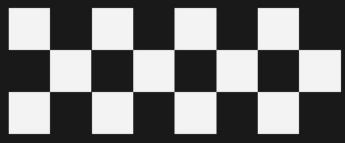


IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE WAY YOU ARE CORNG.

# CHANGE THE WAY YOU ARE SPEAKING.



















#### → SPEAK IN FAITH



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#### NUMBERS 13:27-28 №LT

<sup>27</sup>This was their report to Moses: "We entered the land you sent us to explore, and it is indeed a bountiful country—a land flowing with milk and honey. Here is the kind of fruit it produces. <sup>28</sup>But the people living there are powerful, and their towns are large and fortified. We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak!"



#### → SPEAK IN FAITH

#### NUMBERS 13:30-31 NLT

<sup>30</sup>But Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. "Let's go at once to take the land," he said. "We can certainly conquer it!"

<sup>31</sup>But the other men who had explored the land with him disagreed. "We can't go up against them! They are stronger than we are!"

### INSTEAD OF TELLING IT LIKE IT IS, HOW ABOUT WE START TELLING IT HOW IT COULD BE

### IN FAITH





→ SPEAK LIFE OVER YOURSELF AND OTHERS





## → SPEAK TIFE OVER YOURSELF AND OTHERS

#### **ROMANS 12:14** № ▼

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.





## → SPEAK TIFE OVER YOURSELF AND OTHERS

#### EPHESIANS 4:29 NIV

<sup>29</sup>Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

### WHY IS SPEAKING LIFE SO DIFFICULT?

So many of us are dialed into what we think we need to **say**, not what others need to **hear**.





→ CONTROL YOUR SPEECH AS YOU WOULD A DEADLY WEAPON.





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#### PROVERBS 26:18-19 NLT

- Just as damaging as a madman shooting a deadly weapon
- is someone who lies to a friend and then says, "I was only joking."





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#### PSALM 141:3 N∃V

Set a guard over my mouth, Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips.





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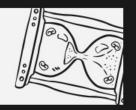
#### **LUKE 6:45** NLT

<sup>45</sup>A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.









## Words are a thermometer that indicates your **spiritual condition**.

### TO CHANGE OUR WORDS, WE HAVE TO LET GOD CHANGE OUR



#### ISAIAH 6:5-9A NLT

<sup>5</sup>Then I said, "It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven's Armies."

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>He touched my lips with it and said, "See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your quilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven."

<sup>8</sup>Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?"

I said, "Here I am. Send me."

<sup>9</sup>And he said, "Yes, go,"





