

LIFE Group Guide

Family Positivity

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Proverbs 15:13, 15, 23



THE ORCHARD

Read: Read Proverbs 15:1-4

Outline:

Pondering your words:

- What is the source of my speech?
- Who cleanses my words?
- Who is Lord over my lips?

Wise filters for words:

1. Will my words be tranquil?
2. Will my words be pure and gracious?
3. Will my words bring healing?
4. Will my words unleash hope and joy?
5. Are my words grateful?
6. Will my words build up or tear down?

The ultimate filter: Do my words reveal Christ at work in me?

- Exalt God?
- Serve the hearer?
- Win souls?

Discussion Questions

1. What encouraged, nourished, or challenged you from this sermon? The scripture passage?
2. What is the difference between positivity and biblical joy? Why is the Holy Spirit so crucial for having genuine change and joy in the Christian life?
3. Our words have the power to give life or bring death to ourselves and others. What examples can you think of from your own life of how someone's words to you brought life? What about a time when they brought death?
4. Pastor Justin when through several filters for our words. Which question do you think you need to remember most and why?
5. Christ is the ultimate example of speech that can bring life to others. Is there an example from Jesus' life that can encourage or shape the way that you speak to others?