



## **PART 7: WORDS THAT DETERMINE YOUR DESTINY**

### **INTRODUCTION**

There is a universal truth that is taught all throughout the Bible: The Harvest Principle says “You will reap what you sow.” We underestimate the value of the words that we say, but our words have the power of life or death in three key areas: Physical, Emotional, and Spiritual.

### **BIBLE VERSES**

Proverbs 18:21  
James 3:6  
Proverbs 12:18  
Matthew 12:34  
Matthew 12:36-37

James 3:8  
James 3:10  
Colossians 3:17  
Ephesians 4:29  
Romans 10:9

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What encouraging or discouraging words do you remember being spoken to you? How have those words shaped you, your future, your kids, your career, your marriage, etc?
2. How would you rank your words on the following scales? How would others close to you rank your words?

|                                       |        |        |        |  |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--|
| Encouraging-----+                     | +      | -----+ | -----+ | -----Discouraging                        |
| Show people you care about them-----+ | -----+ | -----+ | -----+ | -----Show people what you want from them |
| Solve problems-----+                  | -----+ | -----+ | -----+ | -----Point out problems                  |
| Provoke faith-----+                   | -----+ | -----+ | -----+ | -----Provoke fear                        |

3. What impression do people get of Jesus when they talk to you?
4. What changes do you need to make to your words to better honor Jesus Christ?
5. Who can you encourage with an “I see in you...” conversation today?
6. Whose words are you allowing to speak into your life? Are they bringing life or death? What changes do you need to make as far as the people you are allowing to speak into your life?

### **MOVING FORWARD**

Jesus said that our words are the overflow of our heart. We don't clean up our heart with our words. It's the other way around. And that is only possible when we surrender our hearts to Jesus. When we do that the Holy Spirit changes us from the inside out. Jesus said we need to take up our cross daily (Luke 9:23)...we need to be willing to surrender to him every day to allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives.