

WORDS OF FOLLY

Use the following notes in your Growth Group or for further personal study of today's message. We hope these will enrich and deepen your walk as you study God's Word.

GETTING STARTED:

1. Can you think of a time in your life when someone's careless words caused you pain? Have you ever been able to encourage someone with your words or speak God's grace into their lives?

DIGGING DEEPER:

2. How can talk/words be destructive (*Ecclesiastes 10:12, Proverbs 11:11; 12:18; 13:3*)?
3. What can we do to watch our words, according to Scripture (*Ecclesiastes 10: 13-14; Proverbs 25:11-12; 17:27-28*)?

APPLICATION:

4. Our words can set in motion our entire lives, one way or another. Today, commit your words to build up and encourage others (*James 3:1-4; I Peter 2:22-23*).

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In this chapter the writer of Ecclesiastes spells out the dangers of folly in regard to leaders, workers, officials, and the folly of our own words. The recklessness of words can destroy us as a horde of beetles can take down a giant tree. So let's rally around today's wisdom and be set free to speak only those words that are edifying, encouraging and building up!

1. **Talk can be quite destructive** (*Ecclesiastes 10:12*). *There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.* - Proverbs 12:18 (ESV)
2. **Foolish talk can quickly become madness** (*Ecclesiastes 10:13*). *Like apples of gold in settings of silver is a word spoken in right circumstances.* - Proverbs 25:11 (ESV)
3. **Wisdom says limit your speech** (*Ecclesiastes 10:14-15*). *Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.* - Ephesians 4:29 (ESV)

OUR CHALLENGE

Our words can set in motion our entire lives, one way or another. Let's commit our words to build up and encourage one another (*James 3:1-4; I Peter 2:22-23*).

NEXT WEEK 10/10 • ENOUGH! (*Ecclesiastes 12*)
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