

### **The Impact of Our Words**

Proverbs 12:18; 15:1-2

### **Three kinds of word storms:**

Proverbs 4:24; 6:12-19; 10:18, 31-32; 11:9; 16:27-28; 17:9; 18:7 & 27:15

- 1) The storm of an uncontrolled tongue.
  - Lying
  - Gossip
  - Impurity
- 2) The dark heart of the storm.
  - Anger is not a sin but what we do with it may be.
- 3) Reliving storms of the past.
  - If the past is our present, we'll never have a future.

### **Getting to the heart of the matter.**

Proverbs 4:23; 15:28; 27:19 | Matthew 12:34 | Luke 6:45

### **Let your second thought be your first words.**

This week we launched our new series called “Proverbs – the Way of Wisdom”. Most of us have experienced the powerful and even calming effect of the insight of a person with godly wisdom. The big question is how does one gain this kind of wisdom? Scripture makes it clear that it does not happen by accident, but rather on purpose when we seek it, like searching for a hidden treasure. (Proverbs 2:1-22)

Since Proverbs has 31 chapters, a practical way to do this is to daily read the chapter that corresponds to the day of the month and consider these questions:

*What applies to me today?*  
*Where have I seen this in others?*  
*Where have I experienced this?*

As you do this from day to day, know that you will be storing up for yourself insight on how to handle life as God would want you to as well as helping others to live out the wisdom and love of God in their life.

### **OPTIONS TO MAXIMIZE YOUR READING OF PROVERBS:**

- Pick a Time - If we want to make something happen, we usually need to set a time when it will actually happen.
- Mark it Up - Have a pen in hand to jot down notes and underline those verses that catch your attention. It will be encouraging to look back at what you wrote after you've done this over time.
- Write Down Your Thoughts - Get a notebook and write down anytime you have a response to one of the three questions above.
- Use an App - YouVersion bible app has many proverbs reading plans with audio options to listen to the word as well.
- Ease Up - If you miss a day reading, don't stress and say, “Forget about it”. Just pick it up the next day and keep going!