

Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue  
of the wise brings healing.

Proverbs 12:18 (NIV)

Some people make cutting remarks, but the words  
of the wise bring healing.

Proverbs 12:18 (NLT)



The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary.  
He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear  
to listen like one being instructed.  
Isaiah 50:4



# THE INSTRUCTED TONGUE

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The more you mature, the more useful  
your tongue is to the Lord.



# The Instructed Tongue

1. An Instructed Tongue is a Key to Blessing
2. An Instructed Tongue is a Matter of the Heart
3. What is an Instructed Tongue?



# **An Instructed Tongue is a Key to Blessing**

Your choice of words has a major impact on the degree of blessing in your life.



# **An Instructed Tongue is a Key to Blessing**

From the fruit of their lips people are filled with good things, and the work of their hands brings them reward.

Proverbs 12:14



# **An Instructed Tongue is Matter of the Heart**

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The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Luke 6:45



# Your Mouth Can Keep You Heart From Being a Blessing

1. When your heart is controlled by **FEELINGS**, your **EMOTIONS** drive your speech.
2. When your heart is controlled by **FEAR**, **AVOIDANCE** and **DENIAL** drive your speech.
3. When your heart is controlled by **PAIN** and the **PAST**, your **ISSUES** drive your speech.
4. When your heart is controlled by **TRUTH** and **LOVE**, God's **GRACE** drives your speech.



# What is an Instructed Tongue?

1. Peace-Making Tongue
2. Wisdom-Exalting Tongue
3. Comforting Tongue



# Peace-Making Tongue

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 15:1



# Wisdom-Exalting Tongue

The tongue of the wise adorns knowledge, but the mouth of the fool gushes folly.

Proverbs 15:2



# Comforting Tongue

The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit.

Proverbs 15:4