

## Argyle LifeGroup Study Guide: The Path, part 8

1. Read Proverbs 18:21. Most of us under estimate the power of our words. Why do you think that is true?
2. If we really believed in the powerful force of the words we say, we would make more of an effort to discipline ourselves to speak words that are always wrapped in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. There are four things that we can learn about words from the book of Proverbs.
  1. Words are a \_\_\_\_\_ from God
  2. Words can be a force for \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Words can be a force for \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. We need \_\_\_\_\_ to control our words.
4. Why do you think the gift of speech was only given to humans?
5. Read 1 Timothy 6:3-4. Why is correct doctrine so important?
6. Read Proverbs 4:20-22. The Christian who really understands just how awesome the gift of words is will not abuse it but use it for God's glory. What are some ways you can do that?
7. How can words be used as bullets and seeds?
8. Read Ephesians 4:15. Always speak the truth, but never forget the grace, but never forget the truth. Jesus came in grace and truth. What does that mean to you?
9. We live in a culture that values personal freedom over truth, a culture that values tolerance over everything, which means you cannot tell someone they are wrong. That same culture has slipped into the church. We quote Matthew 7:1 out of context and say "Don't judge" thinking that means "anything goes" and I can live my life however I please. That's wrong. Sin is still sin. People need to hear the truth spoken in love. How can we do that?
10. Read Proverbs 12:22. Words are a force for bad when we don't tell the truth. Discuss.
11. Read Romans 1:29-30. Church people like to categorize sin. Usually, the sins that are the most detestable to us, we think are the worst sins, and the sins that we like to do, are the little sins. They are the same in God's eyes. Words are a force for bad when we gossip. Discuss.
12. Read Proverbs 26:21. Words are a force for bad when we are argumentative. Discuss.
13. Read Proverbs 10:19. Words are a force for bad when we talk too much. Discuss.
14. Read James 3:3-8. We need God to control our words. Discuss.
15. For God to control our words we must set up guardrails. Make Psalm 141:3 your prayer every morning.