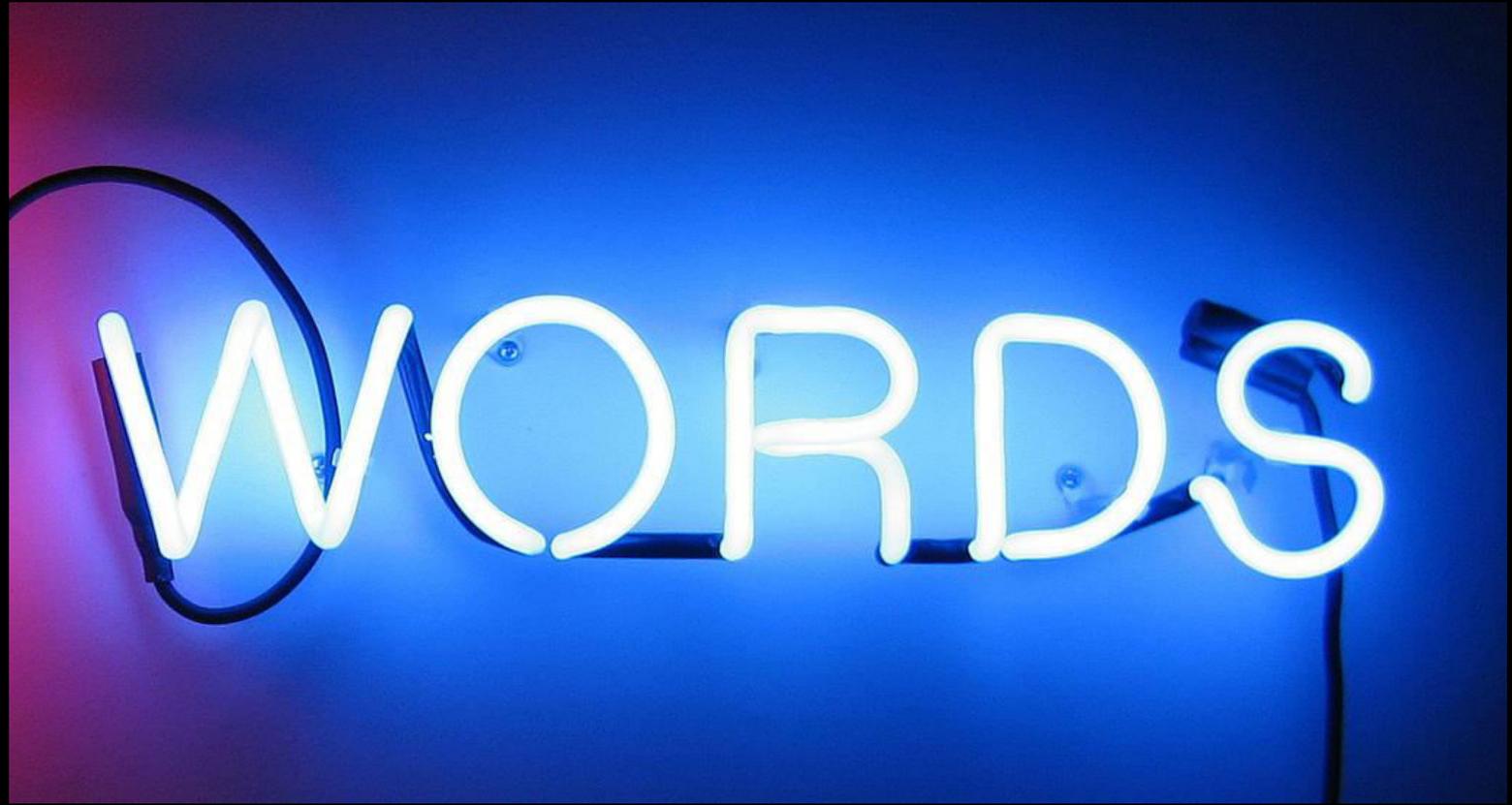


Proverbs 25:11

**A word fitly spoken is
like apples of gold in
pictures of silver.**





Introduction

A. Words send a message

Malachi 3:13

Your words have been stout against me, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee?

B. Words leave a legacy

Luke 24:8

And they remembered his words,

Matthew 24:35

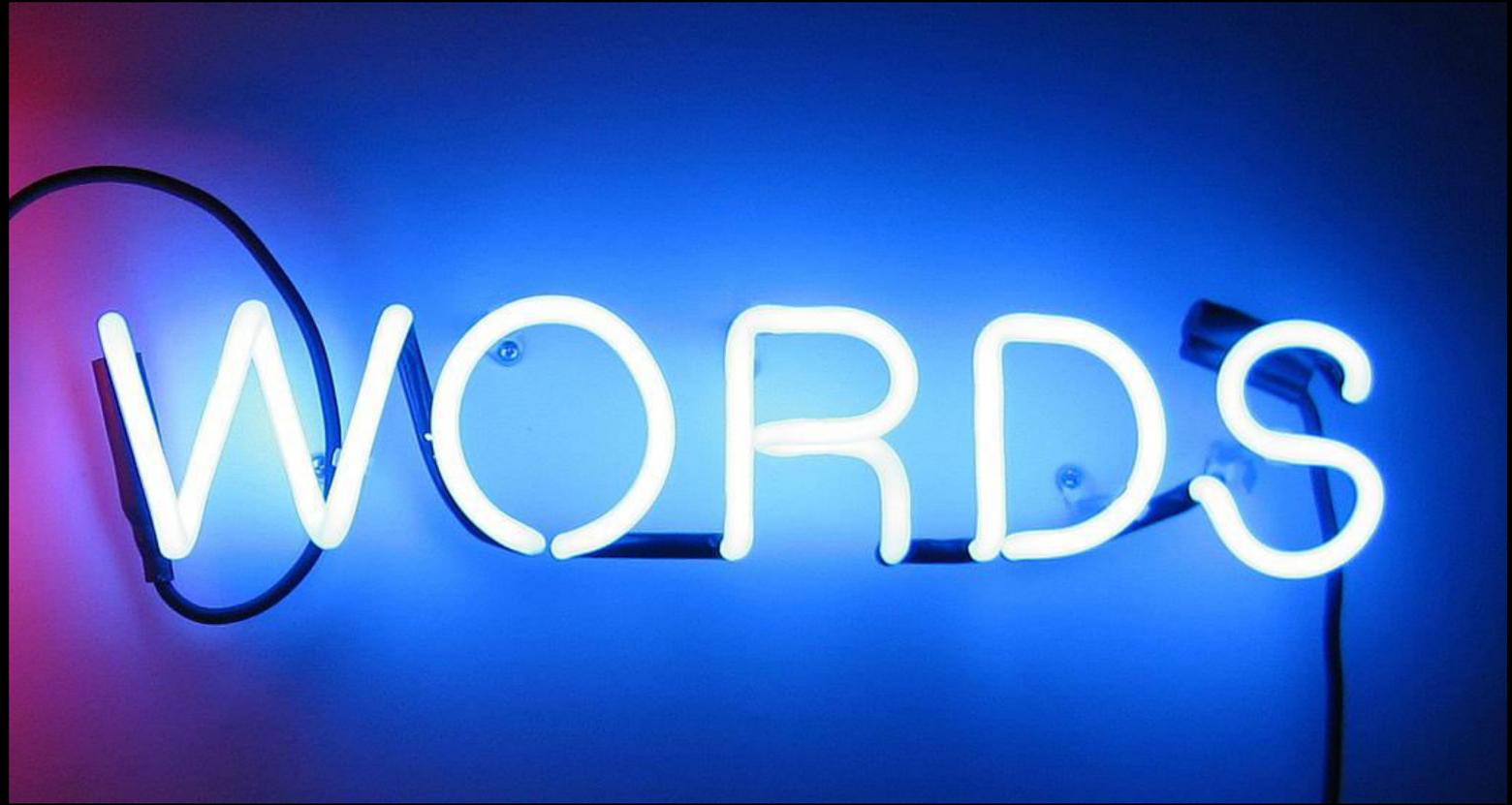
Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Introduction

C. Words can incite a response

Haggai 1:12

Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the Lord.



I. Our Words Should Have Worth

Job 16:3

Shall vain words have an end? or what emboldeneth thee that thou answerest?

Isaiah 55:11

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

II. Our Words Should Offer Grace

Ephesians 4:29

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Colossians 4:6

Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

III. Our Words Should Restore

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

III. Our Words Should Restore

Galatians 6:1

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

IV. Our Words Should Reflect Our Deeds

Acts 7:22

And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

1 John 3:18

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

IV. Our Words Should Reflect Our Deeds

Matthew 21:28-31

28 But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard.

29 He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.

30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.

31 Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.

V. Our Words Should Offer Solace

Zechariah 1:13

And the Lord answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words.

1 Thessalonians 4:18

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Take Action

Are your words worth something?

What do your words offer?

Do you use your words to restore others?

Do your words match your deeds?

Do your words provide needed solace?

Psalms 19:14

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

