

POWER UP!

#2 – WORDS: your SUPER-POWER

SUPER-POWER FACTOIDS

- How many **WORDS** do we speak a day?
- How many **DECISIONS** do we make each day?
- How many **THOUGHTS** do we have each day?

1. WORDS – OUR “SUPER-POWER”

- Prov 18:21a – *“Death and life are in the power of the tongue and those who love it will eat its fruit.”*
- Matthew 12:37 – *“For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”*
- Proverbs 10:19 – *“When words are many, sin is unavoidable, but he who restrains his lips is wise.”*
- Proverbs 12:13 – *“An evil man is trapped by his rebellious speech, but a righteous man escapes from trouble.”*
- Proverbs 13:2-3 – *“From the fruit of his lips a man enjoys good things. He who guards his mouth protects his life, but the one who opens his lips invites his own ruin.”*
Prov 21:23 – *“Watch your tongue and keep your mouth shut, and you will stay out of trouble.”*
- James 3:9-10 (re: the tongue) – *“With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, who have been made in the image of God; from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, these things should not be this way.”*

2. WHERE DID THIS “SUPER-POWER” COME FROM?

- Genesis 1
- Hebrews 11:3 – *“By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.”*

3. HOW ARE WE TO USE THIS “SUPER POWER”? (Ephesians 4)

- 4:15 – *“Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.”*
- 4:25 – *“So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth for we are all parts of the same body”*
- 4:29 – *“Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.”*
- 4:31-32 – *“Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.”*

4. THE SOURCE OF OUR WORDS

- Matthew 15:17-20 – ***“Anything you eat passes through the stomach and then goes into the sewer. But the words you speak come from the heart—that’s what defiles you. For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander.”***
- Luke 6:45 – (Jesus) – ***“For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.”***

5. APPLICATION (Your WORD for 2021)

- (Your) WORD for 2021. (God speaks in a whisper)
- January 2015 – “Word for the YEAR”
- My words (2021): **Enlighten – Encourage – Equip**