

LIFE GIVING SPEECH

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Life

21 The tongue has **the power of life** and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.
Proverbs 18:21

Direction

3 When we put **bits** into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. 4 Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small **rudder** wherever the pilot wants to go. 5 Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a **small spark**. 6 The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, **sets the whole course** of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

James 3:3-6

Direction

14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 **from whom** every family in heaven and on earth **derives its name**.

Ephesians 3:14-15

Recap

We have the power of life and death in our mouths

We have the power to direct our children's lives toward safe harbors or burning forests

We have the power that will be the primary source of the way our children define themselves

If we have a mechanism/ability/member that has the power of life, direction and definition - we should learn how to harness it

1. Be Consistent

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. 10 **Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.** 11 Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? 12 My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

James 3:9

2. Be Constant

God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness **how constantly** I remember you

Romans 1:9

3. Be Calculating

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

Proverbs 12:14

4. Be Confident

This is why I write these things when I am absent, that when I come I may not have to be harsh in my use of authority—the authority the Lord gave me for building you up, not for tearing you down.

2 Corinthians 13:10

That's how Jesus
speaks to us

Jesus Speaks Life

63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are **full of the Spirit and life**

John 6:63

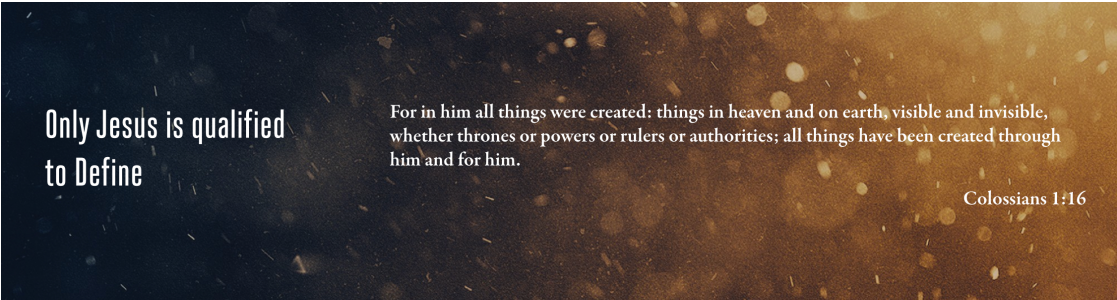
13 Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. 14 We know that **we have passed from death to life**, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death.

1 John 3:13-14

Jesus gives Direction

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to **prosper** you and not to harm you, plans to give you **hope** and **a future**."

Jeremiah 29:11



Only Jesus is qualified
to Define

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through
him and for him.

Colossians 1:16



Only Jesus is qualified
to Define

Beloved Child (lavished with love)	Accepted
Saints (holy ones)	Pleasing
Favored	Apple of His eye
Righteous	Royal priesthood
Forgiven	Redeemed

If we know:

- Jesus speaks Life
- Jesus gives Direction
- Only Jesus is qualified to Define

Then we commit to:

- A relentless refusal to listen to anything other than what He says
- A joyful journey of discovery of what He is saying

Life Giving Speech

What has the Holy Spirit been highlighting to you about yourself this morning? What are these highlights awakening or stirring in you?

What words of definition, or direction would be helpful for you to hear today?

Ask the Lord to share with you, the name He calls you by.

When you hear him speak your name, what longings stir in you?