

Sermon Notes - The Potential Promoter

commissioning.

James 3:1-12 highlights six illustrations of the tongue (mouth) as a potent promoter. We can choose to use it at any time in one of three ways:

1. Our mouths have power to	_(vs. 1-4)
2. Our mouths have the power to	_(vs. 5-8)
3. Our mouths have the power to	_(vs. 9-12)

Benediction Pastor Phil Yoder

What will my tongue (mouth) be promoting this week?

HUG group questions for further study:

- 1. Where does my mouth rate itself (1-10) in speaking truth and encouragement?
- 2. How can I train myself to see God's goodness in others and speak about it?
- 3. To whom do I need to confess the use of destructive words?
- 4. Where can I speak God's truth, grace, forgiveness, and encouragement this week?
- 5. What can I pray for right now?

Connect

5/19 Sunday | Parent Orientation today for update on Youth Ministry and camp

5/21 Tuesday | 10am-2pm: Sisters in Christ Bible Study | 10:30-12pm: OFF Men's Bible Study | 2-4pm Ping Pong

5/24 Friday | 6-7pm: CIA HUG Group | 7-9pm: Youth Ministry

5/25 Saturday | 9:30-11:30am: ESL

6/1 Saturday | Deadline for grads: If you know a student who will graduate or be promoted this year, email

valerie@journeyec.org to honor them on 6/30

6/6 Thursday | Women's Ministry Bible Study "God's Unbreakable Promises." This study will transform your

understanding of God and will also change you. 6 sessions, 1st and 3rd Thursdays starting 6/6.

Sign-up with Trudee Joe at women@journeyec.org

6/8 Saturday | Church Movie Event at Bella Terra Theater of "Unsung Hero." Event is for the first 61 churchgoers who

have signed up. Some seats are still available, Please sign-up in the foyer if you are interested. If you have signed up already, please RSVP to the Evite by June 1st, so that the Deacons can ensure that we

are able to fill up all the seats.

If you or your fellowship group, HUG group or ministry have an announcement that you would like to include in the church Sunday bulletin, please email the details to **bulletin@journeyec.org** by the Tuesday prior.

Prayer requests can be emailed to prayer@journeyec.org and the Deacons will be praying for you.

Proverbs: A Word For The Wise By Pat Leung, Deacon

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; acknowledge Him in all your ways and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6.

My favorite book of the Bible is Proverbs. I became a Christian when I was 9 years old when my Aunt took me to church with her and I liked the friends and the teacher I met and decided I enjoyed going to church. I gave my life to Jesus during VBS that summer and I have been trusting Him with my life ever since. To know that God loved me and cared about my life and sent His Son Jesus to die and forgive me of my sins and give me an eternal home in heaven with Him just amazed me that someone could love me that much and promise to guide and care for me forever just gave me the sense of peace and love that made me feel very secure and confident in His Provision for me.

I learned from reading and studying Proverbs that the difference between knowledge, which is having the facts, and wisdom, which is applying those facts to real life. It covers youth and discipline, selfcontrol and resisting temptation, words and speech, knowing God, seeking God's Will, marriage, family life, seeking truth, wealth and poverty, immorality and wisdom. Every area of life is addressed in Proverbs. These proverbs and verses provide profound advice about life and how to live it. It shaped who I became and what my character was like and what was really important to me. I wanted my family to know Jesus too.

I had Christian friends at church that continued to keep my faith strong. I often prayed for my father who had a Bible in his youth, but did not proclaim he was a Christian until very late in life. I prayed and talked to him about Christianity for 50 years before he acknowledged Jesus as His Savior. Praise God, He is Faithful! And my grandmother and my mother's



family believed in ancestor worship and they spoke some broken, conversational English but had no under-standing of theological terms. But praise God, our family moved to California in the '60's and we found a bilingual Chinese church and they both became Christians. My sisters and their families are Christians too. I am so grateful for God's faithfulness and and His promises to take care of all of our needs all the days of our lives. I live and trust and claim Proverbs 3:5-6 for my life and the lives of my children, family, friends and brothers and sisters in Christ everyday.