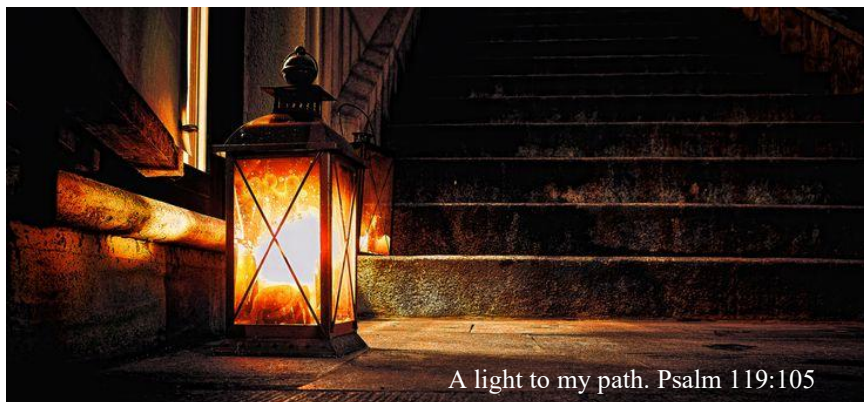




Our Words Are Powerful!

The words of a man or woman in a position of authority have positional power (Ecclesiastes 8:1-4; Romans 13:1-7, NKJV). King Solomon sought to find acceptable words (Ecclesiastes 12:10). Two women confronted him for justice over a living baby. One woman laid on her baby, smothering him, then exchanged him for the living baby lying beside its mother. Solomon listened to both women, then told a servant to divide the living baby with a sword and give half to each woman. The actual mother cried no, offering her baby to the other woman. Solomon gave the baby to the woman who cried, no (1 Kings 3:16-17). The power of King Solomon's words identified the actual mother and restored her baby. Words everyone speaks are powerful. Words of hope that touch the heart bring forth excellent results. Hateful words instill fear in the heart, bringing forth damaging results (Proverbs 15:1-2; James 3:6). Before speaking, we should practice prudence and use discretion when giving our opinion because God hates pride, arrogance, an evil way, and a perverse mouth (Proverbs 8:12-13). Words spoken with wisdom are like goads prodding us in the right way. Wise words are like well-driven nails, anchoring the truth like a sign I read in a church, "Just Pray." (Ecclesiastes 12:11). We are not to be anxious about anything, but to pray about everything (Philippians 4:6-7).
Shalom!!

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