## WORDS TO LIVE BY!

Proverbs 18:4 The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters, and the wellspring of wisdom as a flowing brook.

**Proverbs 18:6** A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.

Proverbs 18:7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.

**Proverbs 18:8** The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

Proverbs 18:20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

<u>Proverbs 18:21</u> Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

**Proverbs 18:23** The poor useth intreaties; but the rich answereth roughly.

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## I. The magic word: no

<u>Proverbs 16:32</u> He that is slow to anger **is better than** the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit **than** he that taketh a city.

<u>Proverbs 25:28</u> He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, <u>and</u> without walls.

I consider this the most important word of all – especially initially:

### First to yourself

#### And then to the child

#### And then the child to himself / herself

Acts 24:25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, **temperance** (ἐγκρατείας), and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

<u>Galatians 5:19</u> Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, <u>Galatians 5:20</u> Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, <u>Galatians 5:21</u> Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

<u>Galatians 5:22 But</u> the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, <u>Galatians 5:23</u> Meekness, temperance (ἐγκράτεια): against such there is no law.

2 Peter 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 2 Peter 1:6 And to knowledge temperance (ἐγκράτειαν); and to temperance (ἐγκρατεία) patience; and to patience godliness; 2 Peter 1:7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 2 Peter 1:8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 2 Peter 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 2 Peter 1:11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 9:25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate (πάντα ἐγκρατεύεται) in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

<u>Titus 1:8</u> But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate (ἐγκρατῆ);

## II. The "meritorious mention" word: wait

This is called: delayed gratification

Almost all of life & success can be connected to this concept.

This is the ability to do / focus on the right, the good, the important, the difficult, the tedious, the monotonous, and even the impossible !!!

- > Without bouncing
- > Without distraction
- > Without quitting
- > Without not even starting

# III. The **missing** word<u>s</u>:

Mrs. Miller: Manners never go out of date!

**Exodus 20:12 Honour** thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

1 Peter 2:17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

Romans 12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

<u>Romans 12:16</u> Be of the **same** mind one toward another. Mind <u>not</u> high things, <u>but</u> condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

**Proverbs 19:10** Delight is **not** seemly for a fool; much less for a servant to have rule over princes.

Proverbs 28:3 A poor man that oppresseth the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaveth no food.

<u>Proverbs 30:21</u> For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four which it cannot bear: <u>Proverbs 30:22</u> For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat; <u>Proverbs 30:23</u> For an odious woman when she is married; and an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

#### Words:

Thank you	You're welcome	Please,
Excuse me	Yes ma'am / sir	No, ma'am / sir
Mr. &/ Mrs.		

### Thoughts:

- > This gives proper respect
- > This gives respect primarily to the position, the age, the accomplishments and not the individual
- > This demonstrates gratitude
- > This demonstrates politeness
- > This acknowledges that you have heard & understand
- > This pre-empts debate

## IV. The miracle / miraculous word: yes

This is all about learning to say "yes" in life, the new, the unknown, the different....

### Let's try it! Let's do it!

2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

1 Samuel 14:6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few. 1 Samuel 14:7 And his armourbearer said unto him, Do all that is in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart. 2 Samuel 12:19 But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. 2 Samuel 12:20 Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. 2 Samuel 12:21 Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. 2 Samuel 12:22 And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live? 2 Samuel 12:23 But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

<u>2 Samuel 16:12</u> It may be that the LORD will look on mine affliction, and that the LORD will requite me good for his cursing this day.

2 Kings 19:4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that are left.

<u>Joel 2:12</u> Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: <u>Joel 2:13</u> And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: <u>for</u> he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. <u>Joel 2:14</u> **Who knoweth** <u>if</u> he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?

Amos 5:14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. Amos 5:15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

Jonah 3:9 Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

Zephaniah 2:3 Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger.