



GOD OPPOSES VIOLENCE

34-37 “You have minds like a snake pit! How do you suppose what you say is worth anything when you are so soul-minded? It’s your heart, not the dictionary, that gives meaning to your words. A good person produces good deeds and words season after season. An evil person is a blight on the orchard. Let me tell you something: Every one of these careless words is going to come back to haunt you. There will be a time of Reckoning. Words are powerful; take them seriously. Words can be your salvation. Words can also be your damnation.” *The Message*

Matthew 12:34-37

COMFORTING TRUTHS:

“The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit.” *NIV*

Proverbs 15:4

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.” *NIV*

Ephesians 4:29

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.” *NIV*

Ephesians 4:2

DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF VIOLENCE ON THE ABUSER

“The trouble they cause recoils on them; their violence comes down on their own heads.” *NIV*

Psalm 7:16

“Good people celebrate when justice triumphs, but for the workers of evil it’s a bad day.” *The Message*

Proverbs 21:15

CHRIST CAN DELIVER US FROM VIOLENCE.

47 “He is the God who avenges me, who subdues nations under me,

48 who saves me from my enemies. You exalted me above my foes; from a violent man you rescued me.” *NIV*

Psalm 18: 47-48