

The Path of Speaking with Wisdom

Prov. 10:19 “When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.”

Prov. 11:12 “Whoever belittles his neighbor lacks sense, but a man of understanding remains silent.”

Prov. 12:16 “The vexation of a fool is known at once, but the prudent ignores an insult.”

Prov. 12:18 “There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.”

Prov. 12:23 “A prudent man conceals knowledge, but the heart of fools proclaims folly.”

Prov. 13:3 “Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life; he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.”

Prov. 14:3 “By the mouth of a fool comes a rod for his back, but the lips of the wise will preserve them.”

Prov. 14:6-7 “A scoffer seeks wisdom in vain, but knowledge is easy for a man of understanding. ⁷ Leave the presence of a fool, for there you do not meet words of knowledge.”

Prov. 15:1-4 “A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. ² The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly. ³ The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good. ⁴ A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.”

Prov. 15:26 “The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord, but gracious words are pure.”

Prov. 15:28 “The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.”

Prov. 16:21 “The wise of heart is called discerning, and sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness.”

Prov. 17:27 “Whoever restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.”

Prov. 18:2 “A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion.”

Prov. 18:6-7 “⁶ A fool's lips walk into a fight, and his mouth invites a beating. ⁷ A fool's mouth is his ruin, and his lips are a snare to his soul.”

Prov. 18:13 “¹³ If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame.”

Prov. 20:3 “It is an honor for a man to keep aloof from strife, but every fool will be quarreling.”

Prov. 21:23 “Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble.”

Prov. 22:10 “Drive out a scoffer, and strife will go out, and quarreling and abuse will cease.”

Prov. 23:9 “Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, for he will despise the good sense of your words.”

Prov. 25:15 “With patience a ruler may be persuaded, and a soft tongue will break a bone.”

Prov. 26:2 “Like a sparrow in its flitting, like a swallow in its flying, a curse that is causeless does not alight.”

Prov. 26:4 “Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest you be like him yourself.”

Prov. 26:17 “Whoever meddles in a quarrel not his own is like one who takes a passing dog by the ears.”

Prov. 26:20-21 “²⁰ For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases. ²¹ As charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife.”

Prov. 26:28 “A lying tongue hates its victims, and a flattering mouth works ruin.”

Prov. 27:2 “Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.”

Prov. 29:8,9 “⁸ Scoffers set a city aflame, but the wise turn away wrath. ⁹ If a wise man has an argument with a fool, the fool only rages and laughs, and there is no quiet.”

Prov. 29:11 “A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back.”

Prov. 30:32-33 “³² If you have been foolish, exalting yourself, or if you have been devising evil, put your hand on your mouth. ³³ For pressing milk produces curds, pressing the nose produces blood, and pressing anger produces strife.”

Rom. 10:9-10 “because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”

Rom. 10:13-15 “For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

Heb. 3:13 “But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”