

Speak Less and Wisely

These Bible verses reveal that much of our worldly conversation is godless and destructive to both others and ourselves.

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"Sin thrives in the multitude of words, but he who refrains his lips is wise." Proverbs 10:19

"Even a fool, when he holds his peace, is counted wise: and he who shuts his lips is esteemed a man of understanding." Proverbs 17:28

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath." James 1:19

"A fool has no delight in understanding, but only that his heart discovers itself." Proverbs 18:2

"Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him." Proverbs 29:20

"Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps his soul from troubles." Proverbs 21:23

"Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips." Psalm 141:3

"The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him who rules among fools." Ecclesiastes 9:17

"Do not be rash with your mouth, and do not let your heart be hasty to utter anything before God: for God is in heaven, and you upon the earth: therefore let your words be few." Ecclesiastes 5:2

"But I say to you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account of it in the day of judgment." Matthew 12:36

"He who keeps his mouth keeps his life, but he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction." Proverbs 13:3

"And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell." James 3:6

"For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also various vanities, but fear you God." Ecclesiastes 5:7

"In all labor there is profit, but the talk of the lips tends only to extreme poverty." Proverbs 14:23

"The tongue of the wise rightly uses knowledge, but the mouth of fools pours out foolishness." Proverbs 15:2

"The lips of the wise disperse knowledge, but the heart of the foolish does not do so." Proverbs 15:7

"A scorner does not love someone who reproves him: neither will he go to the wise." Proverbs 15:12

"The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness." Proverbs 15:14

"A wrathful man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger appeases strife." Proverbs 15:18

"(23) A man has joy by the answer of his mouth. And a word spoken in due season is so good! (24) The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath." Proverbs 15:23-24

"The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD, but the words of the pure are pleasant." Proverbs 15:26

"(28) The heart of the righteous studies to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things. (29) The LORD is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous. (30) The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, and a good report makes the bones fat. (31) The ear that hears the reproof of life remains among the wise. (32) He who refuses instruction despises his own soul, but he who hears reproof gets understanding. (33) The fear of the LORD

is the instruction of wisdom, and before honor is humility." Proverbs 15:28-33

"If you have done foolishly in lifting yourself up, or if you have thought evil, lay your hand upon your mouth." Proverbs 30:32

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they who love it shall eat its fruit." Proverbs 18:21

"(2) For in many things we all offend. If any man does not offend in word, he is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. (3) Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. (4) Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, wherever the governor lists. (5) Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasts great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindles! (6) And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. (7) For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and has been tamed of mankind: (8) But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. (9) Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and with that curse we men, who are made after the likeness of God. (10) Out of the same mouth proceeds blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things should not be. (11) Does a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?" James 3:2-11

"He who has knowledge spares his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit." Proverbs 17:27

"But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase to more ungodliness." 2 Timothy 2:16

"Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips." Psalm 141:3

"Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time." Amos 5:13

"(1) Keep your foot when you go to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they do not consider that they do evil. (2) Do not be rash with your mouth, and do not let your heart be hasty to utter anything before God: for God is in heaven, and you upon the earth: therefore let your words be few. (3) For a dream comes through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words." Ecclesiastes 5:1-3

"Do not allow your mouth to cause your flesh to sin; neither say before the angel, that it was an error: why should God be angry at your voice, and destroy the work of your hands?" Ecclesiastes 5:6

"(4) Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you will be like him. (5) Answer a fool according to his folly, or he will be wise in his own eyes." Proverbs 26:4-5

"(1) #To the chief Musician, even to Jeduthun, A Psalm of David. I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I do not sin with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked one is before me. (2) I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good; and my sorrow was stirred. (3) My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: then I spoke with my tongue, (4) LORD, make me to know my end, and the measure of my days, what it is: that I may know how frail I

am. (5) Behold, You have made my days as a handbreadth; and my age is as nothing before You: truly every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah. (6) Surely every man walks in a vain show: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heaps up riches, and does not know who shall gather them." Psalm 39:1-6

"(13) If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honorable; and shall honor him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words: (14) Then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; and I will cause you to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father: for the mouth of the LORD has spoken it." Isaiah 58:13-14

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace to the hearers." Ephesians 4:29

"A fool utters all his mind, but a wise man keeps it in until afterwards." Proverbs 29:11

"(5) Do you think that the scripture says in vain, He intensely craves the spirit that he made to dwell in us. (6) But he gives more grace. Therefore he says, God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. (7) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (8) Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. (9) Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. (10) Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up. (11) Do not speak evil one of another, brothers. He who speaks evil of his brother,

and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law, and judges the law, but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge of it [and therefore of God Himself]." James 4:5-11

"(13) Their throat is an open grave; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: (14) whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:" Romans 3:13-14

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength, and my Redeemer." Psalm 19:14

"But let your communication be, Yes, yes; No, no; for whatever is more than these comes of evil." Matthew 5:37

"you are snared with the words of your mouth, you are taken with the words of your mouth." Proverbs 6:2

"A prudent man conceals knowledge, but the heart of fools proclaims foolishness." Proverbs 12:23

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and do not lean to your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5

"Wise men lay up knowledge, but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction." Proverbs 10:14