

Honest Words

Proverbs 10:32a the lips of the righteous bring forth what is acceptable.

Proverbs 10:20 the tongue of the righteous is as choice silver

Proverbs 14:5a
a faithful witness will not lie

Proverbs 12:17a He who speaks truth tells what is right

Proverbs 16:13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings, and he who speaks right is loved.

Hypocritical Words

Proverbs 14:23 In all labor there is profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

Proverbs 28:24 He who robs his father or his mother, and says, "It is not a transgression," is the companion of a man who destroys.

Proverbs 26:24-25 He who hates disguises it with his lips, but he lays up deceit in his heart. When he speaks graciously, do not believe him, for there are seven abominations in his heart.

Proverbs 22:11 He who loves purity of heart and whose speech is gracious, the king is his friend.

Proverbs 24:26 He kisses the lips who gives a right answer.

Proverbs 28:23 He who rebukes a man will afterward find more favor than he who flatters with the tongue.

Proverbs 27:5-6 Better is an open rebuke than love that is concealed.

Proverbs 15:2a The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable

Proverbs 10:11b the mouth of the wicked conceals violence

Proverbs 24:12 If you say, "See, we did not know this," does He not consider it who weighs the hearts? And does He not know it who keeps your soul? And will He not render to man according to his work?

Proverbs 26:18-19 Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows and death, so is the man who deceives his neighbor, and says, "Was I not joking?"

Humble Words

Proverbs 10:19 When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, but he who restrains his lips is wise.

Proverbs 17:28 Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is counted prudent.

Proverbs 11:12b But a man of understanding keeps silent

Proverbs 18:13 He who gives an answer before he hears, it is folly and shame to him.

Proverbs 13:3 The one who guards his mouth preserves his life; the one who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.

Proverbs 17:27 He who restrains his words has knowledge

Proverbs 26:4 Do not answer a fool according to his folly, lest you also be like him.

Proverbs 11:13b he who is trustworthy conceals a matter

Proverbs 15:28a The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer

James 3:2-8

For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.

Now if we put the bits into the horses' mouths so that they may obey us, we direct their entire body as well.

Behold the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder, wherever the inclination of the pilot desires.

So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. Behold, how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!

And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell.

For every species of beasts and birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed, and has been tamed by the human race.

But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.

Healing Words

Proverbs 12:18b the tongue of the wise brings healing

Proverbs 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 15:4

A soothing tongue is a tree of life

Proverbs 12:14a A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his words

Proverbs 12:25 Anxiety in the heart of a man weighs it down, but a good word makes it glad.

Proverbs 10:21

The lips of the righteous feed many

Proverbs 15:30 Bright eyes gladden the heart; good news puts fat on the bones.

Proverbs 17:10 A rebuke goes deeper into one who has understanding than a hundred blows into a fool.

Proverbs 15:23 A man has joy in an apt answer, and how delightful is a timely word!

Concluding Verses

James 1:19 But let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger

Ecclesiastes 3:1,7 There is an appointed time for everything...a time to be silent, and a time to speak.

Isaiah 50:4 The Lord God has given me the tongue of disciples, that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word.

Proverbs 25:11 Like apples of gold in settings of silver is a word spoken in right circumstances.

Proverbs 25:15 By forbearance a ruler may be persuaded, and a soft tongue breaks the bone.

Proverbs 26:5 Answer a fool as his folly deserves, lest he be wise in his own eyes.

Proverbs 31:8-9 Open your mouth for the dumb, for the rights of all the unfortunate. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and defend the rights of the afflicted and needy.

Proverbs 16:24 Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

Proverbs 10:11a the mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life

Matthew 12:36-37 And I say to you, that every careless word that men shall speak, they shall render account for it in the day of judgment.

For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned

Watch Your Words

Key Verses

Proverbs 18:4 The words of a man's mouth are deep waters;

Matthew 12:34 the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart

Proverbs 4:23 Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flows the springs of life.

Hurtful Words

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue

Proverbs 12:18a There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword,

Proverbs 11:9 With his mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor,

Proverbs 16:27 ...words are as a scorching fire...

Proverbs 17:4 a liar pays attention to a destructive tongue

Proverbs 11:13a He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets

Colossians 4:6 Let your speech be with grace, seasoned, as it were, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person.

Ephesians 4:29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Proverbs 18:6 a fool's lips bring strife

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

Proverbs 18:8 The words of a whisperer are like dainty morsels, and they go down into the innermost parts of the body

Proverbs 17:9b he who repeats a matter separates intimate friends

Proverbs 15:28b the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things