

Communications Proverbs

He who guards his lips guards his life, but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin. Prov 13:3

When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise. The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value. The lips of the righteous nourish many, but fools die for lack of judgment. Prov 10:19-21

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

A man finds joy in giving an apt reply — and how good is a timely word! Prov 15:23

The heart of the righteous weighs its answers, but the mouth of the wicked gushes evil. Prov 15:28

A wise man's heart guides his mouth, and his lips promote instruction. Prov 16:23

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

Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out. Prov 17:14

A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even-tempered. Prov 17:27

A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions. Prov 18:2

The words of a man's mouth are deep waters, but the fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook. Prov 18:4

A fool's lips bring him strife, and his mouth invites a beating. A fool's mouth is his undoing, and his lips are a snare to his soul. Prov 18:6-7

He who answers before listening — that is his folly and his shame. Prov 18:13

From the fruit of his mouth a man's stomach is filled; with the harvest from his lips he is satisfied. Prov 18:20

A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will not go free. Prov 19:5

It is to a man's honor to avoid strife, but every fool is quick to quarrel. Prov 20:3

A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much. Prov 20:19

He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity. Prov 21:23

An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips. Prov 24:26

A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver. Prov 25:11

Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Prov 27:5

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

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. Prov 27:17

The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit. *He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord.* A poor man pleads for mercy, but a rich man answers harshly. Prov 18:21-23

The Quarrelsome Wife

A quarrelsome wife is like a constant dripping. Prov 19:13

Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife. Prov 21:9

Better to live in a desert than with a quarrelsome and ill-tempered wife. Prov 21:19

Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife. Prov 25:24

A quarrelsome wife is like a constant dripping on a rainy day; restraining her is like restraining the wind or grasping oil with the hand. Prov 27:15-16

Husbands

Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Col 3:19

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. 1Pet 3:7

Everyone!

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. Ephesians 4:29

Communication in the Book of James

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. James 1:19

We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check. When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water. James 3:2-12