

Proverbs

Controlling The Tongue:
Slander & Lying, Gossip & Flattery

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[Pro 18:21 NKJV] 21 Death and life [are] in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

Controlling The Tongue: Slander & Lying

[Pro 6:16-19 NKJV] 16 These six [things] the LORD hates, Yes, seven [are] an abomination to Him: 17 A proud look, A **lying tongue**, Hands that shed innocent blood, 18 A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, 19 A **false witness** [who] speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.

Controlling The Tongue: Slander & Lying - An Evil Practice

- [Pro 3:28 NKJV] 28 Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give [it]," When you have it with you.
- [Pro 12:20 NKJV] 20 Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, But counselors of peace have joy.

Controlling The Tongue: Slander & Lying – The Liar Is A Fool

- [Pro 10:18 NKJV] 18 Whoever hides hatred [has] lying lips, And whoever spreads slander [is] a fool.

Controlling The Tongue: Slander & Lying – A Liar's Reputation

- [Pro 25:14 NKJV] 14 Whoever falsely boasts of giving [Is like] clouds and wind without rain.
- [Pro 26:24-28 NKJV] 24 He who hates, disguises [it] with his lips, And lays up deceit within himself; 25 When he speaks kindly, do not believe him, For [there are] seven abominations in his heart; 26 [Though his] hatred is covered by deceit, His wickedness will be revealed before the assembly. 27 Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, And he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him. 28 A lying tongue hates [those who are] crushed by it, And a flattering mouth works ruin.

Controlling The Tongue: Slander & Lying – A False Witness Scorns Justice

- [Pro 12:17 NKJV] 17 He [who] speaks truth declares righteousness, But a false witness, deceit.
- [Pro 19:28 NKJV] 28 A disreputable witness scorns justice, And the mouth of the wicked devours iniquity.
- [Pro 19:22 NKJV] 22 What is desired in a man is kindness, And a poor man is better than a liar.

Controlling The Tongue: Slander & Lying – Consequences of Lying

- [Pro 12:13 NKJV] 13 The wicked is ensnared by the transgression of [his] lips, But the righteous will come through trouble.
- [Pro 19:9 NKJV] 9 A false witness will not go unpunished, And [he who] speaks lies shall perish.
- [Pro 19:5 NKJV] 5 A false witness will not go unpunished, And [he who] speaks lies will not escape.
- [Pro 21:28 NKJV] 28 A false witness shall perish, But the man who hears [him] will speak endlessly.

Controlling The Tongue:

GOSSIP & FLATTERY

Controlling The Tongue: Gossip & Flattery – Gossip Damages Relationships

- [Pro 17:9 NKJV] 9 He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends.
- [Pro 11:13 NKJV] 13 A talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.

Controlling The Tongue: Gossip & Flattery – Talebearers & Tale-receivers

- [Pro 26:20 NKJV] 20 Where [there is] no wood, the fire goes out; And where [there is] no talebearer, strife ceases.
- [Pro 26:22 NKJV] 22 The words of a talebearer [are] like tasty trifles, And they go down into the inmost body.

Controlling The Tongue: Gossip & Flattery – Predictable Results Of Gossip

- [Pro 25:23 NKJV] 23 The north wind brings forth rain, And a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.

Controlling The Tongue: Gossip & Flattery – Flattery Is Deceitful

- [Pro 26:25 NKJV] 25 When he speaks kindly, do not believe him, For [there are] seven abominations in his heart;
- [Pro 29:5 NKJV] 5 A man who flatters his neighbor Spreads a net for his feet.
- [Pro 20:19 NKJV] 19 He who goes about [as] a talebearer reveals secrets; Therefore do not associate with one who flatters with his lips.

Controlling The Tongue: Gossip & Flattery – Rebuke Or Flattery?

- [Pro 28:23 NKJV] 23 He who rebukes a man will find more favor afterward Than he who flatters with the tongue.

Controlling The Tongue

OATHS, CURSING, BOASTING & HASTY SPEECH

Controlling The Tongue: Oaths, Cursing, Boasting & Hasty Speech

- [Pro 20:25 NKJV] 25 [It is] a snare for a man to devote rashly [something as] holy, And afterward to reconsider [his] vows.
- [Pro 25:14 NKJV] 14 Whoever falsely boasts of giving [Is like] clouds and wind without rain.

Controlling The Tongue: Oaths, Cursing, Boasting & Hasty Speech

- [Pro 20:20 NKJV] 20 Whoever curses his father or his mother, His lamp will be put out in deep darkness.
- [Pro 30:11 NKJV] 11 [There is] a generation [that] curses its father, And does not bless its mother.
- [Pro 26:2 NKJV] 2 Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, So a curse without cause shall not alight.

Controlling The Tongue: Oaths, Cursing, Boasting & Hasty Speech

- [Pro 27:1 NKJV] 1 Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth.
- [Pro 14:3 NKJV] 3 In the mouth of a fool [is] a rod of pride, But the lips of the wise will preserve them.

Controlling The Tongue: Oaths, Cursing, Boasting & Hasty Speech

- [Pro 18:13 NKJV] 13 He who answers a matter before he hears [it], It [is] folly and shame to him.
- [Pro 29:11 NKJV] 11 A fool vents all his feelings, But a wise [man] holds them back.
- [Pro 29:20 NKJV] 20 Do you see a man hasty in his words? [There is] more hope for a fool than for him.
- [Pro 26:23 NKJV] 23 Fervent lips with a wicked heart [Are like] earthenware covered with silver dross.

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FOOLISH SPEECH & WISE SPEECH

Controlling The Tongue:

Foolish Speech & Wise Speech

- [Pro 23:9 NKJV] 9 Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, For he will despise the wisdom of your words.
- [Pro 11:9 NKJV] 9 The hypocrite with [his] mouth destroys his neighbor, But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.
- [Pro 12:6 NKJV] 6 The words of the wicked [are], "Lie in wait for blood," But the mouth of the upright will deliver them.

Controlling The Tongue:

Foolish Speech & Wise Speech

- [Pro 15:28 NKJV] 28 The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, But the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.
- [Pro 12:18 NKJV] 18 There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise [promotes] health.
- [Pro 14:9 NKJV] 9 Fools mock at sin, But among the upright [there is] favor.
- [Pro 14:23 NKJV] 23 In all labor there is profit, But idle chatter [leads] only to poverty.

Controlling The Tongue:

Foolish Speech & Wise Speech

- [Pro 17:27-28 NKJV] 27 He who has knowledge spares his words, [And] a man of understanding is of a calm spirit. 28 Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; [When] he shuts his lips, [he is considered] perceptive.
- [Pro 17:15 NKJV] 15 He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just, Both of them alike [are] an abomination to the LORD.
- [Pro 11:13 NKJV] 13 A talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.

Controlling The Tongue:

Foolish Speech & Wise Speech

- [Pro 27:14 NKJV] 14 He who blesses his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, It will be counted a curse to him.
- [Pro 25:11 NKJV] 11 A word fitly spoken [is like] apples of gold In settings of silver.
- [Pro 13:3 NKJV] 3 He who guards his mouth preserves his life, [But] he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.
- [Pro 16:23-24 NKJV] 23 The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, And adds learning to his lips. 24 Pleasant words [are like] a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.

Controlling The Tongue:

Foolish Speech & Wise Speech

- [Pro 10:20-21 NKJV] 20 The tongue of the righteous [is] choice silver; The heart of the wicked [is worth] little. 21 The lips of the righteous feed many, But fools die for lack of wisdom.
- [Pro 10:31-32 NKJV] 31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, But the perverse tongue will be cut out. 32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, But the mouth of the wicked [what is] perverse.
- [Pro 15:2 NKJV] 2 The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.
- [Pro 10:11 NKJV] 11 The mouth of the righteous [is] a well of life, But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

Controlling The Tongue:

Foolish Speech & Wise Speech

- [Pro 11:11 NKJV] 11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
- [Pro 12:17-18 NKJV] 17 He [who] speaks truth declares righteousness, But a false witness, deceit. 18 There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise [promotes] health.
- [Pro 21:23 NKJV] 23 Whoever guards his mouth and tongue Keeps his soul from troubles.
- [Pro 15:1 NKJV] 1 A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.