

# Proverbs

Controlling The Tongue:  
Foolish Speech & Wise Speech

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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.

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**HASTY SPEECH**

# **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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# **WISE SPEECH & FOOLISH SPEECH**

# **Wise Speech – Choose What & When To Speak Carefully**

- [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.
- [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.

# **Wise Speech – Choose What & When To Speak Carefully**

- [Pro 21:23 NKJV] 23 Whoever guards his mouth and tongue Keeps his soul from troubles.
- [Pro 13:3 NKJV] 3 He who guards his mouth preserves his life, [But] he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.
- [Pro 11:13 NKJV] 13 A talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.
- [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.

# Wise Speech – Speaks Righteously

- [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.



# Wise Speech – Speaks Righteously

- [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.
- [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.

# Wise Speech – Using Speech Effectively

- [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 15:1 NKJV] 1 A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.
- [Pro 25:11 NKJV] 11 A word fitly spoken [is like] apples of gold In settings of silver.
- [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.

# **Wise Speech – Talking To A Fool Is Useless**

- [Pro 23:9 NKJV] 9 Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, For he will despise the wisdom of your words.

# **Foolish Speech – Destroys & Tears Down**

- [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.
- [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.

## **Foolish Speech – Not Taking Sin Seriously**

- [Pro 14:9 NKJV] 9 Fools mock at sin, But among the upright [there is] favor.
- [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.

# **Foolish Speech – Is Useless, Leads to Physical Ruin**

- [Pro 14:23 NKJV] 23 In all labor there is profit, But idle chatter [leads] only to poverty.