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Like God, we use words to create trust and form relationships and build community.

Unlike God, we also use words to destroy trust and break relationships and divide community.

Like God, we use words for one heart to touch another heart at a deep level.

Unlike God, we use words for one heart to break another heart at a deep level.

Much of the strife in our families and offices and dorms and churches and nations is because of foolish words.

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it God's Word and the key to living in His Kingdom**

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"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never harm me."

Not so! A Lie! A Lie! False !!!

Words have far more power than sticks and stones.

Never think that if we speak,

"Oh well, It's only words. It's not like I'm really doing anything."

Words penetrate to the heart.

God invested in mankind the ability to choose and use words, - just like He does...

You might be able to teach an animal to recognize a few sounds, but you can't carry on a conversation with an animal,

No deep thoughts only demands

Words mark us as human created in the image of God.

God uses words.

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*The preparations of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD. **Proverbs 16:1***

A defendant is presumed to be innocent until he is proven guilty.

The Romans put it this way,

"The burden of proof is on he who declares, not on he who denies."

Presumption in this a legal system protects individual rights,

In the spiritual realm presumption is not advised.

We devise and imagine many scenarios about many things that HAVE NOT happened, usually in the negative.

What we think about usually determines what we say and how we respond.

Mat 12:34; Luk 6:45

Dwell on God's promises, His faithfulness, His words and our mouths will speak His ways, not our vain imaginations.

Act 4:25 [Ps2] Rom 1:21 2Co 10:5

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Jas 4:13-17 NASB

(13) *Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit." (14) Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. (15) Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that." (16) But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil. (17) Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.*

Man can plan, but God has the final say (**Proverbs 16:1**).

Whether our plans for today are simple or complex, we need to submit to God.

Invite Him to guide your steps along the way according to His will.

Whether you shall live to reach home today or not depends absolutely upon God's will. Charles H. Spurgeon

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We usually underestimate the importance of our words.

Adultery is perceived in most Bible-believing churches as a serious sin. And it is.

It is extremely rare that adultery will send a whole church into a complete meltdown.

Gossip, by contrast, is often perceived as a little sin.

But, it has destroyed many churches.

Sadly, gossip can even be perceived as some kind of need:

"I have to get all this out.
I have to tell somebody or I'll burst!"

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As Americans, we have the right of free speech.

In our political culture we have the right to blurt out whatever we feel.

But when we become Christians, we enter a whole new culture where we surrender that right.

We stop blurting out whatever we feel.

We bring our words under the judgment of God's Word.

***"A fool gives full vent to his spirit,
but a wise man quietly holds it back" (Proverbs 29:11).
How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! (Js 3:5)***

It only takes two people to split a church !!

One to start spreading the fiery negativity, and
Another not to confront that behavior as the sin that it is.

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The Bible simply changes the subject by giving us something better to talk about.

Three times the risen Jesus greeted his disciples this way:

"Peace be with you" (John 20:19, 21, 26).

If our tongues will come under the control of his peace, our churches will be safe places, sanctuaries for repentant sinners.

No one, none of us, has the right to disturb that peace.

It is sacred. It is blood-bought.

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One of the commentaries on the book of Proverbs lists around 90 proverbs counseling us about how to speak.

The book of Proverbs has more to say about our words than anything else it addresses in our lives — more than money, sex, or family.

Do you suppose that reflects on the importance of the words we chose to use and wisdom in our lives?

One body of research reports that the average American speaks about 700 times per day.

If that number sounds high to you, cut it in half to 350 times per day. If it still sounds high, cut it in half again to 175 times a day.

Other than breathe what else do we chose to do 175 times a day? Our many words matter.

“Glorify God in your body” (1 Corinthians 6:20).

Proverbs says, “That starts with your tongue.”

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There is gold and abundance of costly stones, but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel. (Proverbs 21:15)

Our words are more than puffs of air coming up through our vocal cords.

Our words have moral status in the sight of God.

That **“the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel”** means that knowledgeable, informed, intelligent words are rare and valuable in God's eyes.

We know what it is like to be listening to someone and it is obvious they do not know what they are talking about.

We also know what it is like to fall silent whenever a certain person speaks, because whatever that person has to say is wise and helpful and almost a work of art.

That high quality of speech is precious to God.

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Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD. (Pro 12:22)

Lying might not bother us that much.

Husbands and wives lie to each other.

Advertisers lie.

Politicians lie.

“It is just the way things have to be done sometimes — but even that is a lie.

Lying is repulsive to God.

It may not make our skin crawl, but it really bothers God.

Jesus said the devil is **“a liar and the father of lies” (Jn 8:44)**

True, sincere, honest words bind us together in community.

True words make love and trust and intimacy possible.

False words conceal us from one another, even as we might go on faking community, role-playing community outwardly while something else is really going on in our hearts.

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Speaking lies is only half the problem.

Listening to lies, gossip, flippant denigration — is a serious moral issue too.

An evildoer listens to wicked lips, and a liar gives ear to a mischievous tongue. (Pro 17:4)

Listening to lies is itself lying. Listeners are involved.

God wants us to know that just standing there and listening, tolerating the evil, shares in the evil.

We lie to ourselves that we are not involved because we are only listening.

Be careful what you listen to.

♪♪♪ “Be careful little ears what you hear ...” ♪♪♪

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A person can become a “garbage collector.”

Someone in the group becomes the one to whom disgruntled people go, because that person will listen and sympathize and be a shoulder to cry on and a rallying point for complaints and a hero to those with hurt feelings.

That listener becomes a bigger problem in the group than the talkers.

If a person approaches you and starts criticizing someone else, you smile and interrupt and say,

“Ah...Time out. I don't need or want to be involved in this. But the person you're talking about is right over there on the other side of the room. Let's you and I go right now and you tell that person to his face what you're telling me behind his back, okay? Let's see if we can get this straightened out...”

Handle problems and issues while they are small, before they have a chance to spread and grow.

Have the courage to obey God at the moment of temptation, then our churches will be safe places where people never have to wonder what is really going on, and they can relax and enjoy themselves and grow in Christ.

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The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels: they go down into the inner parts of the body. (Pro 18:8)

Admit it.

We love gossip.

- We love supposedly secret inside information about other people.
- We love controversy.
- We find it delicious.
- We love to think we know something that others do not know - and we love to tell them so.

It is a delicacy — to our corrupt hearts.

We gulp these words down with relish.

But the contagion goes down into us and makes a deep impression and leaves us even sicker than we were before.

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***Open your mouth for the mute.
for the rights of all who are destitute.
Open your mouth! judge righteously,
defend the rights of the poor and needy. (Prov 31:8, 9)***

Do you speak up when others are put down?

Or do you just stand there and listen in sinful silence as the blast of gossip and slander hits you in the face?

God says, **“Open your mouth.”**

With every unkind word that goes unchallenged, a reputation dies.

Our words matter - not just to us but far more to God.

We every word we speak and every word we hear are always spoken right in God's face....

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***Death and life are in the power of the tongue. (Pro 18:21)
“On the day of judgment people will give account for every
careless word they speak” (Mat 12:36).***

Words do not even have to be intentional to be deadly; they just need to be careless:

***There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts,
but the tongue of the wise brings healing. (Prov 12:18)***

In English we speak about **“cutting remarks.”**

It happens in an outburst of rash words, reckless words, unthinking words, just blurting out whatever we might be thinking ‘without filtering it ‘wisely.

We need to see in our rash words razor blades flying out of our mouths right into the body of the other person.

Those wounds and scars remain long after the words have faded away.

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What you permit, you promote.

Pro 12:18 *A rash speaker is like piercings of a sword, And the tongue of the wise is healing.*

The tongue of the wise cares more about soothing an injury than winning an argument.

Time does not heal all wounds.

Three simple words that bring healing: "I am sorry."

Ignoring injuries does not make them go away.

Wise words can and do bring healing.

Saying the humble, honest, beautiful things that need to be said is step one toward powerful healing.

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Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad. (Proverbs 12:25)

Sometimes we are of two minds.

We trust God, but we don't really trust God.

In times like that we need a good word from outside ourselves, a stabilizing word of hope from another Christian.

We can speak good words into each other's hearts.

The message we speak, because it is the truth, might not be that the problem is going away: but the message can always be, "God is with you."

Heb 13:5 *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

As that good and gladdening word spreads around among us, we are emboldened to do for Christ what we would never attempt alone.

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We need to want every word we speak to be a blessing making people glad in Christ.

When a whole church does that together it starts feeling like revival.

The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life. (Pro 10:11)

The lips of the righteous feed many. (Pro 10:21)

The word "feed" means "shepherd," the way a shepherd tends and guides and protects and feeds his flock of sheep.

There is enough in Christ for us and enough for us to also refresh others.

It is our words that open his fountain and spread his table for many others.

Eph 4:29 *Let no corrupt word out of your mouth go forth, but what is good unto the needful building up, that it may give grace to the hearers;*

God has called all of his people to this powerful privilege.

It means we all must take responsibility to breathe life into everyone around us by our words of encouragement.

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Our 'Words: Practical Limitations

In all toil there is profit, but mere talk tends only to poverty. (Prov 14:23)

"Mere talk" / "empty words" can be boastful or defeatist or just plain lazy.

Dreaming can be the first step toward a better future.

But dreaming without working is no future, because words cannot substitute for deeds.

Mat 12:36 *But I [Jesus] say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.*

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***If you say, “Behold, we did not know this,”
does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? (Pro 24:12)***

Our excuses do not impress God:

Empty, idle words are those we speak but do not intend or even want to occur. Things the we say but do not act upon to make them a reality. Things we do not really believe.

When deeds are required, words are empty, and God is not fooled.

Our words and deeds MUST match up...

God holds us responsible for what comes out of our mouth's.

What we say 'binds and looses' spiritual forces to either work for us or against us.

Are you just talking or looking the other way?

Whose kingdom and power are you calling upon?

Who and what are you loosing into your life situations?

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We are to be our brother's keeper.

How do you talk about them?

Are you just talking and looking the other way?

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***Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life;
he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin. (Pro 13:3)***

Jesus was the only person in all of history who never spoke an unguarded, self-indulgent word.

He never opened his lips in a wrong way, not once, ever.

He never spoke when silence was better, and

Every word he did speak was perfect.

Even his enemies said,

“No one ever spoke like this man!” (John 7:46).

The Bible calls him the Word (***John 1:1, 14***),

He represents everything that needs to be said,
the only thing that needs to be said.

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You have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you. (1 Peter 1:23—25)

I was born mortal by the natural process; it is only a matter of time until I die.

I have also been reborn immortal by sheer miracle; it will never end.

The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to put new life in our hearts and new words in our mouths.

God's Word remains; it will keep on giving new life; it always will.

It will go deeper and deeper into you.

And it will be reflected to others by your words spreading new life to many other people with an eternal impact.

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*The tongue has the power of life and death,
and those who love it will eat its fruit” (Proverbs 18:21).*

Spoken words were a serious matter when they were the only means of communicating and making legal agreements.

Now words are everywhere—on billboards, in magazines and books, and over the airwaves.

Their potential for “life and death” has multiplied, so we must learn to use them carefully.

1. Describe a situation in which you recognized or experienced the positive or negative power words can have.

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*He who conceals his hatred has lying lips,
and whoever spreads slander is a fool. (10:18)*

*A lying tongue hates those it hurts,
and a flattering mouth works ruin. (26:28)*

4. To what is deception related?
Turning this idea around, how are love and honesty related?

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*A man who lacks judgment derides his neighbor,
but a man of understanding holds his tongue.*

*A gossip betrays a confidence,
but a trustworthy man keeps a secret (11:12—13)*

*A lying tongue hates those it hurts,
and a flattering mouth works ruin. (26:28)*

2. What kind of person is particularly hurtful to others?
What defines a lie?
What kind of behavior or speech can alert us that someone is a liar or a gossip?
3. Why would “understanding” (**11:12**) prevent a person from deriding another person?
Are we as quick to criticize others when we know more about their situation?

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*The wise in heart are called discerning,
and pleasant words promote instruction. (16:21)*

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

5. What qualities make our speech beneficial to others?

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**Proverbs 18:7 "A fool's mouth is his undoing,
and his lips are a snare to his soul"**

Others, not only the one speaking, can be undone by a person's words.

**Pro 17:7 Not comely for a fool is a lip of excellency,
Much less for a noble a lip of falsehood.**

A key factor in inappropriate speech is arrogance.

The more we know, the more we become aware of all that we don't know.

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**Like a club or a sword or a sharp arrow
is the man who gives false testimony against his
neighbor. (25:18)**

7. In what situations are people most likely to lie about someone else?

What values or attitudes in our culture might make false testimony an attractive option?

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**With his mouth the godless destroys his neighbor,
but through knowledge the righteous escape. (11:9)**

**A perverse man stirs up dissension,
and a gossip separates close friends. (16:28)**

6. List some ways in which we can destroy others with our words.

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**Without wood a fire goes out:
without gossip a quarrel dies down. (26:20)**

8. Have you been in situations that demonstrated this principle?

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*Reckless words pierce like a sword,
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.
Truthful lips endure forever,
but a lying tongue lasts only a moment. (12:18—19)*

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

9. Recall situations in which a person's words have had a healing effect on you.
What types of things did he or she say?
What was the speaker's tone of voice or body language?

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*The lips of the righteous know what is fitting,
but the mouth of the wicked only what is perverse.
(10:32)*

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

11. Recall a time when something you said was not “apt” or “fitting”.
Why was the statement inappropriate for the situation?
12. What qualities characterize speech that is appropriate to a situation?

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*A gentle answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.
The tongue of the wise commends knowledge,
but the mouth of the fool gushes folly. (15:1—2)*

10. Why is a gentle answer so effective when dealing with an angry person?
- A “gentle answer” does not necessarily mean a soft tone of voice. When used in a certain way, even a soft tone can be intimidating.
- “Gentle” refers to an attitude and a demeanor that demonstrate respect for the other person.
- A gentle person genuinely listens and doesn't try to overpower through volume, physical appearance, or emotional manipulation.

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A false witness will perish, and whoever listens to him will be destroyed forever. (21:28)

13. Who are “false witnesses”?
How can we avoid listening to them?
- According to Hebrew Law (Exodus, Deuteronomy, and Leviticus), the innocence or guilt of a person accused of a crime was determined by the testimony of witnesses, as weighed by a judge (there were no juries).
- Justice could be perverted quite easily by a witness or witnesses who lied when giving evidence.
- However, the principle of truth telling is applicable to contexts other than a courtroom.
- Gossip and slander exchanged at a dinner table or in the grocery store can cause serious damage to others, thus denying them justice and right treatment from their neighbors.

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Put Your Wisdom to Work

***“Gold there is, and rubies in abundance,
but lips that speak knowledge are a rare jewel” (Pro 20:15)***

Have you ever encountered a person whose words had rare value and relevance?

What was striking about that persons manner or character?

This week, note the pattern and content of your own speech and what it reveals about you.

Do you speak recklessly or without knowing all the facts?

Do you gossip?

What can you do to improve the way you use words?

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PROV 4:20-22 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they [are] life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

PROV 4:24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

PROV 5:1-2 My son, attend unto my wisdom, [and] bow thine ear to my understanding: That thou mayest regard discretion, and [that] thy lips may keep knowledge.

PROV 6:2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.

PROV 6:12-15 A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth. He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers; Frowardness [is] in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord. Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.

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PROV 6:16-19 These six [things] doth the Lord hate: yea, seven [are] an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness [that] speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

PROV 8:6-9 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips [shall be] right things. For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness [is] an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth [are] in righteousness; [there is] nothing froward or perverse in them. They [are] all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.

PROV 10:11 The mouth of a righteous [man is] a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

PROV 10:13-14 In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod [is] for the back of him that is void of understanding. Wise [men] lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish [is] near destruction.

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PROV 10:18-21 He that hideth hatred [with] lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, [is] a fool. In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips [is] wise. The tongue of the just [is as] choice silver: the heart of the wicked [is] little worth. The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.

PROV 10:31-32 The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out. The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked [speaketh] frowardness.

PROV 11:9 An hypocrite with [his] mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

PROV 11:11-13 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked. 12 He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace. 13 A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

PROV 12:6 The words of the wicked [are] to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.

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PROV 12:13-14 The wicked is snared by the transgression of [his] lips: but the just shall come out of trouble. A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of [his] mouth: and the recompense of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.

PROV 12:17-19 [He that] speaketh truth showeth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit. There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise [is] health. The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue [is] but for a moment.

PROV 12:22 Lying lips [are] abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly [are] his delight.

PROV 12:25 Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.

PROV 13:2-3 A man shall eat good by the fruit of [his] mouth: but the soul of the transgressors [shall eat] violence. He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: [but] he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

PROV 13:5 A righteous [man] hateth lying: but a wicked [man] is loathsome, and cometh to shame.

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PROV 14:3 In the mouth of the foolish [is] a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

PROV 14:15 The simple believeth every word: but the prudent [man] looketh well to his going.

PROV 14:23 In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips [tendeth] only to penury.

PROV 15:1-4 A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness. The eyes of the Lord [are] in every place, beholding the evil and the good. A wholesome tongue [is] a tree of life: but perverseness therein [is] a breach in the spirit.

PROV 15:7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish [doeth] not so.

PROV 15:23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word [spoken] in due season, how good [is it]!

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PROV 15:26-28 The thoughts of the wicked [are] an abomination to the Lord: but [the words] of the pure [are] pleasant words. He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live. The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

PROV 16:13 Righteous lips [are] the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right.

PROV 16:21-28 The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning. Understanding [is] a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools [is] folly. The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips. Pleasant words [are as] an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones. There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof [are] the ways of death. He that laboureth laboureth for himself; for his mouth craveth it of him. An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips [there is] as a burning fire. A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.

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PROV 17:4 A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips; [and] a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.

PROV 17:7 Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince.

PROV 17:9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth [very] friends.

PROV 17:20 He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.

PROV 17:27-28 He that hath knowledge spareth his words: [and] a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: [and] he that shutteth his lips [is esteemed] a man of understanding.

PROV 18:4 The words of a man's mouth [are as] deep waters, [and] the wellspring of wisdom [as] a flowing brook.

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PROV 18:6-8 A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes. A fool's mouth [is] his destruction, and his lips [are] the snare of his soul. The words of a talebearer [are] as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

PROV 18:13 He that answereth a matter before he heareth [it], it [is] folly and shame unto him.

PROV 18:20-21 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; [and] with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. Death and life [are] in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

PROV 19:1 Better [is] the poor that walketh in his integrity, than [he that is] perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

PROV 20:19-20 He that goeth about [as] a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips. Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

PROV 21:6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue [is] a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.

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PROV 21:23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

PROV 22:12 The eyes of the Lord preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.

PROV 22:17-18 Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge. For [it is] a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips.

PROV 23:9 Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.

PROV 23:16 Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

PROV 24:1-2 Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.

PROV 24:26 [Every man] shall kiss [his] lips that giveth a right answer.

PROV 24:28 Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive [not] with thy lips.

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PROV 25:9-12 Debate thy cause with thy neighbour [himself]; and discover not a secret to another: Lest he that heareth [it] put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away. A word fitly spoken [is like] apples of gold in pictures of silver. [As] an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, [so is] a wise reprove upon an obedient ear.

PROV 26:4-9 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him. Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit. He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, [and] drinketh damage. The legs of the lame are not equal: so [is] a parable in the mouth of fools. As he that bindeth a stone in a sling, so [is] he that giveth honour to a fool. [As] a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so [is] a parable in the mouth of fools.

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PROV 26:22-27:2 The words of a talebearer [are] as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

Burning lips and a wicked heart [are like] a potsherd covered with silver dross.

He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him; When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for [there are] seven abominations in his heart.

[Whose] hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be showed before the [whole] congregation.

Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

A lying tongue hateth [those that are] afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

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PROV 28:23 He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.

PROV 29:11 A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise [man] keepeth it in till afterwards.

PROV 29:20 Seest thou a man [that is] hasty in his words? [there is] more hope of a fool than of him.

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