

Talking Too Much

Proverbs 10:19 "In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise."

Proverbs 17:28 "Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding."

Proverbs 18:2 ESV

A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion.

James 1:19 ESV

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;

Proverbs 21:23 ESV

Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble.

Psalms 141:3 ESV

Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips!

Proverbs 29:20 ESV

Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

Matthew 12:36 ESV

I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak,

Proverbs 13:3 ESV

Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life; he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.

Ecclesiastes 5:2 ESV

Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth.

Therefore let your words be few.

Ecclesiastes 9:17 ESV

The words of the wise heard in quiet are better than the shouting of a ruler among fools.

Proverbs 14:23 ESV

In all toil there is profit, but mere talk tends only to poverty.

Proverbs 15:1-33 ESV

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly. The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good. A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit. A fool despises his father's instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is prudent. ...

James 3:6 ESV

And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.

Ecclesiastes 5:7 ESV

For when dreams increase and words grow many, there is vanity; but God is the one you must fear.

Proverbs 18:21 ESV

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

2 Timothy 2:16 ESV

But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness,

Proverbs 17:27 ESV

Whoever restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.

Proverbs 30:32 ESV

If you have been foolish, exalting yourself, or if you have been devising evil, put your hand on your mouth.

James 3:2-11 ESV

For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ...

Proverbs 12:18 ESV

There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Amos 5:13 ESV

Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time.

Proverbs 20:19 ESV

Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets; therefore do not associate with a simple babblers.

Psalms 141:3-4 ESV

Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips! Do not let my heart incline to any evil, to busy myself with wicked deeds in company with men who work iniquity, and let me not eat of their delicacies!

[Psalm 1:1-6](#) ESV

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ...

[Ephesians 4:29](#) ESV

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

[Proverbs 29:11](#) ESV

A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back.

[Psalm 19:14](#) ESV

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

[Matthew 5:37](#) ESV

Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

[Ecclesiastes 5:1-3](#) ESV

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil. Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few. For a dream comes with much business, and a fool's voice with many words.

[Ecclesiastes 5:6](#) ESV

Let not your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands?

[Proverbs 26:4](#) ESV

Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest you be like him yourself.

[Psalm 147:1-20](#) ESV

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. ...

[Isaiah 58:13-14](#) ESV

"If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

[John 10:10](#) ESV

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

[Romans 3:13-14](#) ESV

"Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips." "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."

[Psalm 39:3](#) ESV

My heart became hot within me. As I mused, the fire burned; then I spoke with my tongue:

[Amos 5:12-13](#) ESV

For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time.

[James 3:2](#) ESV

For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.

[James 1:26](#) ESV

If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.

[Proverbs 3:5](#) ESV

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

[Proverbs 6:2](#) ESV

If you are snared in the words of your mouth, caught in the words of your mouth,

[James 3:10](#) ESV

From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

[James 4:5-11](#) ESV

Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ...

[Proverbs 12:23](#) ESV

A prudent man conceals knowledge, but the heart of fools proclaims folly.

[Romans 12:12](#) ESV

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

[Matthew 12:36-37](#) ESV

I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

[Proverbs 18:8](#) ESV

The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels; they go down into the inner parts of the body.

[Ecclesiastes 5:3](#) ESV

For a dream comes with much business, and a fool's voice with many words.

[Ephesians 5:18](#) ESV

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

[1 Corinthians 10:31](#) ESV

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

[Proverbs 15:2](#) ESV

The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly.

[Proverbs 11:13](#) ESV

Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets, but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing covered.

[James 3:5](#) ESV

So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!

[Luke 6:45](#) ESV

The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

[Proverbs 20:1](#) ESV

Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.

[Psalm 34:13](#) ESV

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.

[Revelation 1:1](#) ESV

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,

[Matthew 6:7](#) ESV

“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.

[Luke 12:3](#) ESV

Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops.

[Proverbs 10:14](#) ESV

The wise lay up knowledge, but the mouth of a fool brings ruin near.

[1 John 1:9](#) ESV

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[1 Peter 5:7](#) ESV

Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

[James 3:8](#) ESV

But no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

[Romans 7:7-25](#) ESV

What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from

the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ...

[Exodus 23:12](#) ESV

“Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; that your ox and your donkey may have rest, and the son of your servant woman, and the alien, may be refreshed.

[Luke 1:37](#) ESV

For nothing will be impossible with God.”

[Proverbs 23:9](#) ESV

Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, for he will despise the good sense of your words.

[Proverbs 23:4-5](#) ESV

Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to desist. When your eyes light on it, it is gone, for suddenly it sprouts wings, flying like an eagle toward heaven.

[Philippians 4:6](#) ESV

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

[Romans 13:8](#) ESV

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

[Matthew 11:28](#) ESV

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

[Proverbs 15:27](#) ESV

Whoever is greedy for unjust gain troubles his own household, but he who hates bribes will live.

[Proverbs 15:4](#) ESV

A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

[James 4:13-16](#) ESV

Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”—yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

[Philippians 4:13](#) ESV

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

[Proverbs 26:20](#) ESV

For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases.

[Proverbs 10:8](#) ESV

The wise of heart will receive commandments, but a babbling fool will come to ruin.

[Psalm 127:4](#) ESV

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.

[Psalm 37:21](#) ESV

The wicked borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives;

[James 3:5-6](#) ESV

So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.

[1 Thessalonians 4:11](#) ESV

And to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you,

[Matthew 6:1-34](#) ESV

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. “Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ...

[Hebrews 4:13](#) ESV

And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

[Colossians 3:23](#) ESV

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,

[Philippians 4:17](#) ESV

Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.

[Romans 8:26](#) ESV

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

[Proverbs 15:1](#) ESV

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

[Proverbs 6:24](#) ESV

To preserve you from the evil woman, from the smooth tongue of the adulteress.

[James 3:11-12](#) ESV

Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

[James 3:9-10](#) ESV

With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

[Philippians 4:11-13](#) ESV

Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

[Romans 8:28](#) ESV

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

[Proverbs 27:12](#) ESV

The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it.

[James 3:7](#) ESV

For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind,

[Philippians 4:6-7](#) ESV

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#) ESV

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

[Proverbs 25:16](#) ESV

If you have found honey, eat only enough for you, lest you have your fill of it and vomit it.

[James 4:6](#) ESV

But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

[Mark 8:36](#) ESV

For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?