

Twelve Ways God Speaks: #1) Creation

Twelve Ways God Speaks: #2) Wisdom

Twelve Ways God Speaks: #3) Your Conscience

Twelve Ways God Speaks: #4) Other People

- Encouragement
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:11 – Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
 - “encourage” = parakaleó = to call near, to come alongside...
 - Related to a name for the Holy Spirit (parakletos = the Comforter, the Encourager)
 - “build each other up” = Jesus used the same word when he said he would “build” his church and the gates of Hell wouldn’t prevail
- Wise Counsel
 - Colossians 3:16 – Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.
 - 2 Samuel 16:23 – Now in those days the advice Ahithophel gave was like that of one who inquires of God...
 - Bible Examples of God Speaking Through Wise Counsel
 - Exodus 18 – Jethro Advises Moses
 - Vs. 17-19 – 17 ...What you are doing is not good. 18 You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. 19 Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you...
 - Vs. 23 – If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied.
 - Vs. 24 – Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said.
 - Numbers 10 – Hobab, Moses’ Brother-in-Law
 - Vs. 31 – Please do not leave us. You know where we should camp in the wilderness, and you can be our eyes.
 - Proverbs 15:22 – Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.
 - Proverbs 24:5-6 says you prevail, muster your strength, wage your war, and win victory through wise counsel
- Correction
 - Psalm 141:5 – Let a righteous man strike me – that is a kindness; let him rebuke me – that is oil on my head.
 - Correction is for Our Good
 - Hebrews 12:11 says that receiving correction “produces a harvest of righteousness and peace” in you
 - Proverbs 25:12 – Like an earring of gold or an ornament of fine gold is the rebuke of a wise judge to a listening ear.
 - “listening” = lit. “to hear and consider... to hear intelligently”
 - It’s where Simon Peter’s name comes from
 - Galatians 2 – Paul Rebukes Peter
 - In Galatians 2, Paul had to rebuke Peter for hypocrisy

