

Wisdom for the Tongue

Proverbs 6:16-19

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Proverbs

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- 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.
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Main Thought:

Wisdom develops a wise tongue





The Tongue

- The Most Dangerous Member
- The Most Beneficial Member



Our Speech reveals our heart

Proverbs 15:2

The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.

Luke 6:45

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Unhealthy Speech (Part 1)



Healthy Speech (Part 2)

Proverbs 12:18

There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise promotes health.

1. Deceptive flattery

Proverbs 20:17

Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a man, But afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.

Proverbs 20:19

He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets; Therefore do not associate with one who flatters with his lips.

Proverbs 28:23

He who rebukes a man will find more favor afterward Than he who flatters with the tongue.

**Hurtful
....Speech**

2. Gossips, slanders

Proverbs 6:12-14

A worthless person, a wicked man, Walks with a perverse mouth; **13** He winks with his eyes, He shuffles his feet, He points with his fingers; **14** Perversity is in his heart, He devises evil continually, He sows discord.

Proverbs 10:18

Whoever hides hatred has lying lips, And whoever spreads slander is a fool.

Proverbs 18:7-8

7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, And his lips are the snare of his soul. **8** The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, And they go down into the inmost body.

**Hurtful
....Speech**

3. Argumentative, striving, and angry words

Proverbs 22

24 Make no friendship with an angry man, And with a furious man do not go, 25 Lest you learn his ways And set a snare for your soul.

Proverbs 29:22

An angry man stirs up strife, And a furious man abounds in transgression.

Proverbs 29:11

A fool vents all his feelings, But a wise man holds them back.

**Toxic
...Speech**

4. Boasting

Proverbs 25:14

Whoever falsely boasts of giving is like clouds and wind without rain.

Proverbs 26:12

Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

Proverbs 27:1-2

1 Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth. **2** Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips.

Self-
...Promotion

5. Verbose, talkative

Proverbs 10:8

The wise accept instruction, but fools argue and bring trouble on themselves.

Proverbs 10:19

In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise.

Proverbs 17

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.

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The Message Challenge



- Review your tongue pattern for unhealthy, hurtful, offensive speech.
- Then submit it to the Lord in your inner heart so that He may remove this **unhealthy source of evil.**