

# Wisdom for Today

Proverbs

Series

# Wisdom for the Tongue (Part 2)

Proverbs 23, 25

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### Proverbs 23 NKJV

- 15) My son, if your heart is wise, My heart will rejoice—indeed, I myself;
- 16) Yes, my inmost being will rejoice When your lips speak right things.

### Proverbs 25 NIV

- 11) The right word at the right time is like golden apples in silver jewelry.
  - 12) A wise person's warning to a listening ear is like a gold earring or jewelry made of fine gold.
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Main Thought:

Wisdom develops a wise tongue

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Tongue (Part 2)

# Unhealthy Speech

- Deceptive flattery
- Gossips, slanders
- Argumentative, striving, and angry words
- Boasting
- Verbose, talkative

# Healthy Speech



- How to have ?
- How does it look ?

# Healthy Speech – The How

## 1. Examine your words

### Proverbs 18:21

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

### Matthew 12:36

But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

# Healthy Speech – The How

## 2. Limit your Words

### 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.

### Proverbs 15:28

The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, But the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.



# Healthy Speech – The How

## 3. Control your words

### Proverbs 13:3

He who guards his mouth preserves his life, But he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.

### James 3:2

For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

# Healthy speech – The What

## 1. Words of wise counsel and sound advice

### Proverbs 15:7

The lips of the wise disperse knowledge, But the heart of the fool does not do so.

### Proverbs 15:22

Without counsel, plans go awry, But in the multitude of counselors they are established.

### Proverbs 27:6

Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

# Healthy speech – The What

## 2. Words of encouragement

### Proverbs 15:23

A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word spoken in due season, how good it is!

### Proverbs 16:24

Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.

### Proverbs 11:30

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise.

# Healthy speech – The What

## 3. Words of cheer

### Proverbs 15:13

A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit.

### Proverbs 15:15

All the days of the afflicted are evil, But he who is of a merry heart has a continual feast.

# Healthy Speech

## The How

Examine your words

Limit your Words

Control your words

## The What

Words of wise counsel and sound advice

Words of encouragement

Words of cheer



# The Challenge

- Let's yield to God's Wisdom as it develops our speech for His glory and grace toward others and ourselves