

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

(Godly Wisdom – Our Compass at the Crossroads of Life)

Part 15 – Speaking Words of Wisdom

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Proverbs 29:20 (NLT), “There is **more hope for a fool** than for someone who **speaks without thinking**.”

1. Our words come from our _____.

Matthew 12:34-35 (NIV), “You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For **the mouth speaks what the heart is full of**.³⁵ A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.”

Proverbs 4:23 (NIV), “Above all else, **guard your heart**, for everything you do flows from it.”

Psalms 19:14 (NLT), “May the **words of my mouth** and the **meditation of my heart** be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.”

Psalms 51:10 (TLB), “Create in me **a new, clean heart**, O God, filled with clean thoughts and right desires.”

2. Words can kill _____.

Proverbs 15:4 (NIV), “The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit.”

Luke 1:20 (NIV), “And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time.”

Proverbs 6:2 (NIV), “You have been trapped by what you said, ensnared by the words of your mouth.”

Proverbs 18:7 (NLT), “The mouths of fools are their ruin; they trap themselves with their lips.”

Proverbs 21:23 (NIV), “He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from **calamity**.”

Psalms 141:3 (NLT), “Take control of what I say, O LORD, and **guard my lips**.”

3. Words are seeds of _____.

Galatians 6:7 (NLT), “Don’t be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. **You will always harvest what you plant**.”

Matthew 9:28-29 (NASB), “²⁸ And after He entered the house, the men who were blind came up to Him, and Jesus **said** to them, “**Do you believe** that I am able to do this?” They **said** to Him, “**Yes, Lord**.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “**It shall be done for you according to your faith**.”

Mark 11:22-24 (NIV), “²² “Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. ²³ “Truly I tell you, if anyone **says to this mountain**, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, **whatever you ask for in prayer, believe** that you **have received it**, and it will be **yours**.”

4. Speak words of _____.

Proverbs 18:21 (NKJV), “**Death and life** are in the **power of the tongue**,”

Proverbs 15:23 (NLT), “Everyone enjoys a **fitting reply**; it is wonderful to **say the right thing at the right time**!”

Colossians 4:6 (NLT), “Let your conversation be **gracious** and **attractive** so that you will have the **right response** for everyone.”

Proverbs 12:18 (NLT), “Some people make cutting remarks, but the **words of the wise bring healing**.”

Ephesians 4:29 (NLT), “Don’t use **foul or abusive language**. Let **everything you say** be **good** and **helpful**, so that your words will be an **encouragement** to those who hear them.”

Ecclesiastes 10:12 (NIV), “**Words** from the mouth of the **wise** are **gracious**, but **fools** are consumed by their **own lips**.”

John 6:63 (NIV), “The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The **words** I have spoken to you—they are **full of the Spirit and life**.”

Romans 10:8-10 (NIV), “⁸ But what does it say? “**The word is near you**; it is in your **mouth** and in your **heart**,” that is, the message concerning faith that we **proclaim**.⁹ If you **declare with your mouth**, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is **with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved**.”