

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

All of us have said things we later regretted. We can either downplay the consequences or take responsibility to speak with greater wisdom. What are the resources God has available to help those who are willing to have their words trained in wisdom?

GETTING STARTED

1. Describe someone you know who uses their words well. What qualities stand out?
2. Describe a time when you felt encouraged by someone's words?

BIBLE IDEA

3. Read James 3:1-12. In what situations do you find yourself losing control of your words?
4. What are the benefits of spirit-led speech? What kind of support does God offer to you?
5. What are the personal habits that support spirit-led speech?

NEXT STEPS

6. Describe the changes you want to make to your speech? What content would you say differently? To whom would you speak differently?
7. If the people around you knew the changes you want to make, they could hold you accountable. Are you willing to tell the people close to you the changes you want to make?

Wise Words
Reflections on Wisdom #4

James 3:1-5

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² 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. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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!

James 3:6-12

The Secret to wise speech is to speak from the _____!

Matthew 12:34-37, Galatians 5:16-24

A. Spirit led speech will keep me from _____.

Psalm 141:3-4

B. Spirit led speech _____ me to speak _____ - _____ words.

Proverbs 10:11

C. Spirit led speech begins with a spirit led _____.

Psalm 119:11, James 1:19, Proverbs 10:19