

GET SMART

Get Smart Get Smart With Words

Prov. 18:21 (NIV) The tongue has the power of life and death.

Word to the Wise

It's wise to say **something encouraging** not **something damaging**.

Prov. 12:18 (NIV) Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Prov. 15:4 (NIV) The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.

It's wise to say **something instructive** not **something destructive**.

Prov. 16:23 (NIV) A wise man's heart guides his mouth, and his lips promote instruction.

Prov. 16:27-28 (NLT) Scoundrels hunt for scandal; their words are a destructive blaze. A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends.

It's wise to say **something true** not **something deceiving**.

Prov. 24:26 (NIV) An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.

Prov. 17:20 (NLT) The crooked heart will not prosper; the twisted tongue tumbles into trouble.

It's wise to say **something I have thought through**.

Prov. 13:3 (ESV) *Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life; he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.*

Prov. 15:28 (NIV) *The heart of the righteous weighs its answers, but the mouth of the wicked gushes evil.*

THINK

Is it **True**?

Is it **Helpful**?

Is it **Instructive**?

Is it **Necessary**?

Is it **Kind**?

It's wise to say **nothing sometimes**.

Prov. 10:19 (NIV) *When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.*

Prov. 17:27-28 (NIV) *A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even-tempered. Even a fool is thought wise if he keeps silent, and discerning if he holds his tongue .*

Additional Study

James 3:1-12

Matthew 5:21-26

Ephesians 4:29

Matthew 12:33-37

Colossians 3:8



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