

Proverbs - Wisdom to Live By - The Tongue

1. The power of the tongue (18:21)

2. The choices of the tongue

a. Considered or careless? (15:28)

10:19 "When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise"

17:27 "A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even tempered"

b. Truthful or twisted? (12:22)

26:28 "A lying tongue hates those it hurts, and a flattering mouth works ruin"

27:6 "Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses"

24:26 "an honest answer is like a kiss on the lips"

c. Healing or harmful? (12:18)

18:8 "The words of a gossip are like a choice morsel; they go down into a man's inmost parts"

16:28 "A perverse man stirs up dissension and a gossip separates close friends"

26:20 "Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down"

3. The Key to a godly tongue (22:17-18)