

Wise Words

Everyday Wisdom | Proverbs 18:21

The tongue has the power of life and death,
and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Proverbs 18:21 (NIV)

6 Listen, for I have trustworthy things to say;
I open my lips to speak what is right.

7 My mouth speaks what is true,
for my lips detest wickedness.

8 All the words of my mouth are just;
none of them is crooked or perverse.

Proverbs 8:6-8 (NIV)

Folly is an unruly woman;
she is simple and knows nothing.

Proverbs 9:13 (NIV)

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Proverbs 25:23 (NIV)

Like a north wind that brings unexpected rain
is a sly tongue—which provokes a horrified look.

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Proverbs 11:11 (NIV)

Through the blessing of the upright a city is exalted,
but by the mouth of the wicked it is destroyed.



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Proverbs 26:24-26 (NIV)

24 Enemies disguise themselves with their lips,
but in their hearts they harbor deceit.

25 Though their speech is charming, do not believe them,
for seven abominations fill their hearts.

26 Their malice may be concealed by deception,
but their wickedness will be exposed in the assembly.

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Proverbs 19:5 (NIV)

A false witness will not go unpunished,
and whoever pours out lies will not go free.

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John 8:44b (NIV)

He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

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Gossip: saying something negative about anyone or anything to someone who can't do anything about it.

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Four Questions to Identify Gossip:

1. Is it juicy?

Proverbs 18:8 (NIV)

The words of a gossip are like choice morsels;
they go down to the inmost parts.

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2. Is it secretive?

Proverbs 20:19 (NIV)

A gossip betrays a confidence;
so avoid anyone who talks too much.

Four Questions to Identify Gossip:

3. Does it stir up trouble?

Proverbs 16:28 (NIV)

A perverse person stirs up conflict,
and a gossip separates close friends.

Four Questions to Identify Gossip:

4. Where's your heart?

Proverbs 26:23 (NIV)

Like a coating of silver dross on earthenware
are fervent lips with an evil heart.

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Proverbs 26:20 (NIV)

Without wood a fire goes out;
without a gossip a quarrel dies down.



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Proverbs 10:18 (NIV)

Whoever conceals hatred with lying lips
and spreads slander is a fool.

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Proverbs 29:20 (NIV)

Do you see someone who speaks in haste?

There is more hope for a fool than for them.

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Proverbs 15:28 (NIV)

The heart of the righteous weighs its answers,
but the mouth of the wicked gushes evil.

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Proverbs 12:19 (NIV)

Truthful lips endure forever,
but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.

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John 14:6 (NIV)

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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Proverbs 15:23 (NIV)

A person finds joy in giving an apt reply—
and how good is a timely word!

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Proverbs 11:13 (NIV)

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but a trustworthy person keeps a secret.

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Proverbs 12:25 (NIV)

Anxiety weighs down the heart,
but a kind word cheers it up.

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Proverbs 15:30 (NIV)

Light in a messenger's eyes brings joy to the heart,
and good news gives health to the bones.

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John 1:14 (NIV)

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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Isaiah 53:7 (NIV)

He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.