

PROVERBS ABOUT WORDS

Prov. 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.

24 Keep your mouth free of perversity;
keep corrupt talk far from your lips.

25 Let your eyes look straight ahead;
fix your gaze directly before you.

Prov. 6:13 who winks maliciously with his eye,
signals with his feet
and motions with his fingers,

14 who plots evil with deceit in his heart—
he always stirs up conflict.

15 Therefore disaster will overtake him in an instant;
he will suddenly be destroyed—without remedy.

16 There are six things the LORD hates,
seven that are detestable to him:

17 haughty eyes,
a lying tongue,
hands that shed innocent blood,

18 a heart that devises wicked schemes,
feet that are quick to rush into evil,

19 a false witness who pours out lies
and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.

Prov. 8:13 To fear the LORD is to hate evil;
I hate pride and arrogance,
evil behavior and perverse speech.

Prov. 9:7 Whoever corrects a mocker invites insults;
whoever rebukes the wicked incurs abuse.

8 Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you;
rebuke the wise and they will love you.

9 Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still;
teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.

Prov. 10:8 The wise in heart accept commands,

but a chattering fool comes to ruin.

Prov. 10:11 The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life,
but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.

Prov. 10:14 The wise store up knowledge,
but the mouth of a fool invites ruin.

Prov. 10:17 Whoever heeds discipline shows the way to life,
but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.

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

19 Sin is not ended by multiplying words,
but the prudent hold their tongues.

20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver,
but the heart of the wicked is of little value.

21 The lips of the righteous nourish many,
but fools die for lack of sense.

Prov. 10:31 From the mouth of the righteous comes the fruit of wisdom,
but a perverse tongue will be silenced.

32 The lips of the righteous know what finds favor,
but the mouth of the wicked only what is perverse.

Prov. 11:9 With their mouths the godless destroy their neighbors,
but through knowledge the righteous escape.

Prov. 11:11 Through the blessing of the upright a city is exalted,
but by the mouth of the wicked it is destroyed.

12 Whoever derides their neighbor has no sense,
but the one who has understanding holds their tongue.

13 A gossip betrays a confidence,
but a trustworthy person keeps a secret.

14 For lack of guidance a nation falls,
but victory is won through many advisers.

Prov. 11:16 A kindhearted woman gains honor,

but ruthless men gain only wealth.

Prov. 12:5 The plans of the righteous are just,
but the advice of the wicked is deceitful.

6 The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood,
but the speech of the upright rescues them.

Prov. 12:13 Evildoers are trapped by their sinful talk,
and so the innocent escape trouble.

14 From the fruit of their lips people are filled with good things,
and the work of their hands brings them reward.

15 The way of fools seems right to them,
but the wise listen to advice.

16 Fools show their annoyance at once,
but the prudent overlook an insult.

17 An honest witness tells the truth,
but a false witness tells lies.

18 The words of the reckless pierce like swords,
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

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

20 Deceit is in the hearts of those who plot evil,
but those who promote peace have joy.

21 No harm overtakes the righteous,
but the wicked have their fill of trouble.

22 The LORD detests lying lips,
but he delights in people who are trustworthy.

23 The prudent keep their knowledge to themselves,
but a fool's heart blurts out folly.

Prov. 12:25 Anxiety weighs down the heart,
but a kind word cheers it up.

Prov. 13:2 From the fruit of their lips people enjoy good things,
but the unfaithful have an appetite for violence.

3 Those who guard their lips preserve their lives,
but those who speak rashly will come to ruin.

Prov. 13:10 Where there is strife, there is pride,
but wisdom is found in those who take advice.

Prov. 13:13 Whoever scorns instruction will pay for it,
but whoever respects a command is rewarded.

14 The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life,
turning a person from the snares of death.

15 Good judgment wins favor,
but the way of the unfaithful leads to their destruction.

16 All who are prudent act with knowledge,
but fools expose their folly.

17 A wicked messenger falls into trouble,
but a trustworthy envoy brings healing.

Prov. 14:3 A fool's mouth lashes out with pride,
but the lips of the wise protect them.

Prov. 14:5 An honest witness does not deceive,
but a false witness pours out lies.

6 The mocker seeks wisdom and finds none,
but knowledge comes easily to the discerning.

7 Stay away from a fool,
for you will not find knowledge on their lips.

8 The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways,
but the folly of fools is deception.

9 Fools mock at making amends for sin,
but goodwill is found among the upright.

Prov. 14:15 The simple believe anything,
but the prudent give thought to their steps.

Prov. 14:25 A truthful witness saves lives,
but a false witness is deceitful.

Prov. 14:29 Whoever is patient has great understanding,
but one who is quick-tempered displays folly.

Prov. 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.

2 The tongue of the wise adorns knowledge,
but the mouth of the fool gushes folly.

Prov. 15:4 The soothing tongue is a tree of life,
but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit.

Prov. 15:7 The lips of the wise spread knowledge,
but the hearts of fools are not upright.

Prov. 15:14 The discerning heart seeks knowledge,
but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly.

Prov. 15:18 A hot-tempered person stirs up conflict,
but the one who is patient calms a quarrel.

Prov. 15:23 A person finds joy in giving an apt reply —
and how good is a timely word!

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

Prov. 16:13 Kings take pleasure in honest lips;
they value the one who speaks what is right.

Prov. 16:23 The hearts of the wise make their mouths prudent,
and their lips promote instruction.

24 Gracious words are a honeycomb,
sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

Prov. 16:27 A scoundrel plots evil,
and on their lips it is like a scorching fire.

28 A perverse person stirs up conflict,

and a gossip separates close friends.

Prov. 16:30 Whoever winks with their eye is plotting perversity;
whoever purses their lips is bent on evil.

Prov. 16:32 Better a patient person than a warrior,
one with self-control than one who takes a city.

Prov. 17:4 A wicked person listens to deceitful lips;
a liar pays attention to a destructive tongue.

Prov. 17:7 Eloquent lips are unsuited to a godless fool—
how much worse lying lips to a ruler!

8 A bribe is seen as a charm by the one who gives it;
they think success will come at every turn.

9 Whoever would foster love covers over an offense,
but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.

10 A rebuke impresses a discerning person
more than a hundred lashes a fool.

Prov. 17:14 Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam;
so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.

Prov. 17:20 One whose heart is corrupt does not prosper;
one whose tongue is perverse falls into trouble.

Prov. 17:27 The one who has knowledge uses words with restraint,
and whoever has understanding is even-tempered.

28 Even fools are thought wise if they keep silent,
and discerning if they hold their tongues.

Prov. 18:2 Fools find no pleasure in understanding
but delight in airing their own opinions.

3 When wickedness comes, so does contempt,
and with shame comes reproach.

4 The words of the mouth are deep waters,
but the fountain of wisdom is a rushing stream.

Prov. 18:6 The lips of fools bring them strife,
and their mouths invite a beating.

7 The mouths of fools are their undoing,
and their lips are a snare to their very lives.

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

Prov. 18:13 To answer before listening—
that is folly and shame.

14 The human spirit can endure in sickness,
but a crushed spirit who can bear?

15 The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge,
for the ears of the wise seek it out.

Prov. 18:17 In a lawsuit the first to speak seems right,
until someone comes forward and cross-examines.

Prov. 18:20 From the fruit of their mouth a person's stomach is filled;
with the harvest of their lips they are satisfied.

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

Prov. 18:23 The poor plead for mercy,
but the rich answer harshly.

Prov. 19:1 Better the poor whose walk is blameless
than a fool whose lips are perverse.

Prov. 19:9 A false witness will not go unpunished,
and whoever pours out lies will perish.

Prov. 19:19 A hot-tempered person must pay the penalty;
rescue them, and you will have to do it again.

20 Listen to advice and accept discipline,

and at the end you will be counted among the wise.

Prov. 19:28 A corrupt witness mocks at justice,
and the mouth of the wicked gulps down evil.

29 Penalties are prepared for mockers,
and beatings for the backs of fools.

Prov. 20:3 It is to one's honor to avoid strife,
but every fool is quick to quarrel.

Prov. 20:15 Gold there is, and rubies in abundance,
but lips that speak knowledge are a rare jewel.

Prov. 20:18 Plans are established by seeking advice;
so if you wage war, obtain guidance.

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

20 If someone curses their father or mother,
their lamp will be snuffed out in pitch darkness.

Prov. 20:25 It is a trap to dedicate something rashly
and only later to consider one's vows.

Prov. 21:6 A fortune made by a lying tongue
is a fleeting vapor and a deadly snare.

Prov. 21:9 Better to live on a corner of the roof
than share a house with a quarrelsome wife.

Prov. 21:11 When a mocker is punished, the simple gain wisdom;
by paying attention to the wise they get knowledge.

Prov. 21:23 Those who guard their mouths and their tongues
keep themselves from calamity.

24 The proud and arrogant person —“Mocker” is his name—
behaves with insolent fury.

Prov. 21:28 A false witness will perish,
but a careful listener will testify successfully.

29 The wicked put up a bold front,
but the upright give thought to their ways.

30 There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan
that can succeed against the LORD.

Prov. 22:1 A good name is more desirable than great riches;
to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.

Prov. 22:10 Drive out the mocker, and out goes strife;
quarrels and insults are ended.

11 One who loves a pure heart and who speaks with grace
will have the king for a friend.

12 The eyes of the LORD keep watch over knowledge,
but he frustrates the words of the unfaithful.

Prov. 22:17 Pay attention and turn your ear to the sayings of the wise;
apply your heart to what I teach,

18 for it is pleasing when you keep them in your heart
and have all of them ready on your lips.

Prov. 22:24 Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person,
do not associate with one easily angered,

25 or you may learn their ways
and get yourself ensnared.

Prov. 22:26 Do not be one who shakes hands in pledge
or puts up security for debts;

27 if you lack the means to pay,
your very bed will be snatched from under you.

Prov. 23:9 Do not speak to fools,
for they will scorn your prudent words.

Prov. 23:12 Apply your heart to instruction

and your ears to words of knowledge.

Prov. 23:15 My son, if your heart is wise,
then my heart will be glad indeed;

16 my inmost being will rejoice
when your lips speak what is right.

Prov. 24:1 Do not envy the wicked,
do not desire their company;

2 for their hearts plot violence,
and their lips talk about making trouble.

Prov. 24:9 The schemes of folly are sin,
and people detest a mocker.

Prov. 24:17 Do not gloat when your enemy falls;
when they stumble, do not let your heart rejoice,

18 or the LORD will see and disapprove
and turn his wrath away from them.

Prov. 24:24 Whoever says to the guilty, "You are innocent,"
will be cursed by peoples and denounced by nations.

25 But it will go well with those who convict the guilty,
and rich blessing will come on them.

26 An honest answer
is like a kiss on the lips.

Prov. 24:28 Do not testify against your neighbor without cause —
would you use your lips to mislead?

29 Do not say, "I'll do to them as they have done to me;
I'll pay them back for what they did."

Prov. 25:6 Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,
and do not claim a place among his great men;

7 it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"
than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.

What you have seen with your eyes

- Prov. 25:9** If you take your neighbor to court,
do not betray another's confidence,
10 or the one who hears it may shame you
and the charge against you will stand.
11 Like apples of gold in settings of silver
is a ruling rightly given.
12 Like an earring of gold or an ornament of fine gold
is the rebuke of a wise judge to a listening ear.
13 Like a snow-cooled drink at harvest time
is a trustworthy messenger to the one who sends him;
he refreshes the spirit of his master.
14 Like clouds and wind without rain
is one who boasts of gifts never given.
15 Through patience a ruler can be persuaded,
and a gentle tongue can break a bone.

Prov. 25:18 Like a club or a sword or a sharp arrow
is one who gives false testimony against a neighbor.

Prov. 25:20 Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day,
or like vinegar poured on a wound,
is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.

Prov. 25:23 Like a north wind that brings unexpected rain
is a sly tongue—which provokes a horrified look.

Prov. 25:25 Like cold water to a weary soul
is good news from a distant land.

- Prov. 26:4** Do not answer a fool according to his folly,
or you yourself will be just like him.
5 Answer a fool according to his folly,
or he will be wise in his own eyes.
6 Sending a message by the hands of a fool
is like cutting off one's feet or drinking poison.

7 Like the useless legs of one who is lame
is a proverb in the mouth of a fool.

8 Like tying a stone in a sling
is the giving of honor to a fool.

9 Like a thornbush in a drunkard's hand
is a proverb in the mouth of a fool.

Prov. 26:18 Like a maniac shooting
flaming arrows of death

19 is one who deceives their neighbor
and says, "I was only joking!"

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

21 As charcoal to embers and as wood to fire,
so is a quarrelsome person for kindling strife.

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

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

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.

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

Prov. 27:1 Do not boast about tomorrow,
for you do not know what a day may bring.

2 Let someone else praise you, and not your own mouth;
an outsider, and not your own lips.

3 Stone is heavy and sand a burden,
but a fool's provocation is heavier than both.

Prov. 27:5 Better is open rebuke
than hidden love.

6 Wounds from a friend can be trusted,
but an enemy multiplies kisses.

Prov. 27:11 Be wise, my son, and bring joy to my heart;
then I can answer anyone who treats me with contempt.

Prov. 27:14 If anyone loudly blesses their neighbor early in the morning,
it will be taken as a curse.

Prov. 27:21 The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold,
but people are tested by their praise.

Prov. 28:7 A discerning son heeds instruction,
but a companion of gluttons disgraces his father.

Prov. 28:13 Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper,
but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

Prov. 28:23 Whoever rebukes a person will in the end gain favor
rather than one who has a flattering tongue.

Prov. 28:25 The greedy stir up conflict,
but those who trust in the LORD will prosper.

Prov. 29:8 Mockers stir up a city,
but the wise turn away anger.

Prov. 29:12 If a ruler listens to lies,
all his officials become wicked.

Prov. 29:15 A rod and a reprimand impart wisdom,
but a child left undisciplined disgraces its mother.

Prov. 29:20 Do you see someone who speaks in haste?
There is more hope for a fool than for them.

Prov. 30:10 “Do not slander a servant to their master,
or they will curse you, and you will pay for it.

Prov. 30:33 For as churning cream produces butter,
and as twisting the nose produces blood,
so stirring up anger produces strife.”

Prov. 31:8 Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,
for the rights of all who are destitute.

9 Speak up and judge fairly;
defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Prov. 31:26 She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

Prov. 31:28 Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:

Prov. 31:31 Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.