

The Way of Wisdom: Practical Living Before God
“Wisdom In My Speech”
Selected Scripture

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The Bible reminds me that my w o r d s have *enormous potential i m p a c t* (Jas 1:26; 3:2-12; Prov 18:21; 6:16-19)

I am *not* to:

- *Underestimate* the p o w e r of my words (Prov 18:21)
- *Dismiss* r e s p o n s i b i l i t y for my words (Jas 1:26; 3:2-12)
- *Presume* that God is u n c o n c e r n e d about my words (Prov 6:16-19)

I am to be *wise in my speech* to keep myself from the u n c o n t r o l l e d use of words.

I can cause d e s t r u c t i o n to myself and others through:

- L y i n g (Prov 6:16-17; 10:18; 12:19,22;17:4,7;19:5,9,22; 21:6; 26:28)
- F l a t t e r y (Prov 26:28, 28:23;29:5)
- G o s s i p i n g (Prov 11:13; 17:9; 18:8; 20:19; 26:20-22)
- S l a n d e r i n g (Prov 10:18; 16:27-28; 30:10)

I am to be *wise in my speech* to practice the c o n t r o l l e d use of words.

I can b u i l d u p others by using speech that:

- Brings c o m f o r t (Prov 12:25; 15:4; 16:24)
- Is t i m e l y (Prov 12:18; 15:23; 25:11)
- Is t h o u g h t f u l (Prov 15:1-2; 16:21; 22:11; 25:15)
- Is t r u t h f u l (Prov 14:25;25:12; 27:5-6; 28:23)

Bring it home...

What is one area that God has spoken to me about changing my speech this morning? _____

What is one step I can take this week to practice wisdom in that area? _____
