

PROVERBS on YOU and YOUR MOUTH

Prov. 4:24 Put away from you a deceitful mouth, And put devious lips far from you.

Prov. 6:2-5 If you have been snared with the words of your mouth, have been caught with the words of your mouth, do this then, my son, and deliver yourself. Since you have come into the hand of your neighbor, go, humble yourself, and importune your neighbor. Do not give sleep to your eyes, nor slumber to your eyelids. Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hunter's hand, and like a bird from the hand of the fowler.

Prov. 6:16-19 There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood; A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil, a false witness who utters lies, and one who spreads strife among brothers.

Prov. 8:6-9 Listen, for I shall speak noble things; And the opening of my lips will produce right things. For my mouth will utter truth; And wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

All the utterances of my mouth are in righteousness; There is nothing crooked or perverted in them. They are all straightforward to him who understands, And right to those who find knowledge.

Prov. 10:18-21 He who conceals hatred has lying lips, And he who spreads slander is a fool. When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, But he who restrains his lips is wise. The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver, The heart of the wicked is worth little. The lips of the righteous feed many, But fools die for lack of understanding.

Prov. 10:31, 32 The mouth of the righteous flows with wisdom, But the perverted tongue will be cut out. The lips of the righteous bring forth what is acceptable, But the mouth of the wicked, what is perverted.

Prov. 11:9 With his mouth the godless man destroys his neighbor, But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.

Prov. 11:12, 13 He who despises his neighbor lacks sense, But a man of understanding keeps silent. He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is trustworthy conceals a matter.

Prov. 12:13-23 An evil man is ensnared by the transgression of his lips, But the righteous will escape from trouble. A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his words, And the deeds of a man's hands will return to him. The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But a wise man is he who listens to counsel.

A fool's vexation is known at once, But a prudent man conceals dishonor. He who speaks truth tells what is right, But a false witness, deceit. There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, But the tongue of the wise brings healing. Truthful lips will be established forever, But a lying tongue is only for a moment.

Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, But counselors of peace have joy. No harm befalls the righteous, But the wicked are filled with trouble. Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal faithfully are His delight. A prudent man conceals knowledge, But the heart of fools proclaims folly.

Prov. 13:2, 3 From the fruit of a man's mouth he enjoys good, But the desire of the treacherous is violence. The one who guards his mouth preserves his life; The one who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.

Prov. 14:25 A truthful witness saves lives, But he who speaks lies is treacherous.

Prov. 15:1-4 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable, but the mouth of fools spouts folly. The eyes of the LORD are in every place, watching the evil and the good. A soothing tongue is a tree of life, but perversion in it crushes the spirit.

Prov. 15:23 A man has joy in an apt answer, And how delightful is a timely word!

Prov. 15:28 The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, But the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

Prov. 16:21-24 The wise in heart will be called discerning, and sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness. Understanding is a fountain of life to him who has it, but the discipline of fools is folly. The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, and adds persuasiveness to his lips. Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

Prov. 16:27, 28 A worthless man digs up evil, while his words are as a scorching fire. A perverse man spreads strife, and a slanderer separates intimate friends.

Prov. 17:7 Excellent speech is not fitting for a fool; Much less are lying lips to a prince.

Prov. 17:9, 10 He who covers a transgression seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates intimate friends. A rebuke goes deeper into one who has understanding than a hundred blows into a fool.

Prov. 17:27, 28 He who restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding. Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is counted prudent.

Prov. 18:4-7 The words of a man's mouth are deep waters; the fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook. To show partiality to the wicked is not good, nor to thrust aside the righteous in judgment. A fool's lips bring strife, and his mouth calls for blows. A fool's mouth is his ruin, and his lips are the snare of his soul.

Prov. 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Prov. 20:19 He who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets, Therefore do not associate with a gossip.

Prov. 20:20 He who curses his father or his mother, His lamp will go out in time of darkness.

Prov. 20:25 It is a snare for a man to say rashly, "It is holy!" And after the vows to make inquiry.

Prov. 21:23 He who guards his mouth and his tongue, guards his soul from troubles.

Prov. 21:28 A false witness will perish, But the man who listens {to the truth} will speak forever.

Prov. 23:9 Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, For he will despise the wisdom of your words.

Prov. 25:11-15 Like apples of gold in settings of silver Is a word spoken in right circumstances. Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold is a wise reprov-er to a listening ear. Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him, For he refreshes the soul of his masters. Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of his gifts falsely. By forbearance a ruler may be persuaded, and a soft tongue breaks the bone.

Prov. 25:18 Like a club and a sword and a sharp arrow is a man who bears false witness against his neighbor.

Prov. 26:20-25 For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, contention quiets down. Like charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire, so is a contentious man to kindle strife. The words of a whisperer are like dainty morsels, and they go down into the innermost parts of the body. Like an earthen vessel overlaid with silver dross are burning lips and a wicked heart. He who hates disguises it with his lips, but he lays up deceit in his heart. When he speaks graciously, do not believe him, for there are seven abominations in his heart.

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

Prov. 27:1, 2 Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth. Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.

Prov. 27:5 Better is open rebuke than love that is concealed.

Prov. 27:14 He who blesses his friend with a loud voice early in the morning, it will be reckoned a curse to him.

Prov. 28:23 He who rebukes a man will afterward find more favor than he who flatters with the tongue.

Prov. 29:20 Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

Prov. 30:5, 6 Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. Do not add to His words lest He reprove you, and you be proved a liar.

