

hoards grain, but blessing crowns him who is willing to sell.

Proverbs 21:13 If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered.

Proverbs 22:9 A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.

Proverbs 25:21 If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. ²² In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the LORD will reward you.

Proverbs 22:16 He who oppresses the poor to increase his wealth and he who gives gifts to the rich--both come to poverty.

6. Friendship

Proverbs 25:19 Like a bad tooth or a lame foot is reliance on the unfaithful in times of trouble.

Proverbs 20:6 Many a man claims to have unfailing love, but a faithful man who can find?

Proverbs 18:24 A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Proverbs 27:9 Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of one's friend springs from his earnest counsel.

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

Proverbs 28:23 He who rebukes a man will in the end gain more favor than he who has a flattering tongue.

7. True Colors

Proverbs 27:19 As water reflects a face, so a man's heart reflects the man.

PROVERBS - LIVING BY THE WISDOM OF CHRIST

Lesson Ten - Taming the Tongue

1. Lies and Deceit

A. People desire others to be honest and not to lie

Proverbs 19:22 What a man desires is unfailling love ; better to be poor than a liar.

Proverbs 13:5 The righteous hate what is false, but the wicked bring shame and disgrace.

B. God hates lies and dishonesty, too

Proverbs 19:9 A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will perish.

Proverbs 21:28 A false witness will perish, and whoever listens to him will be destroyed forever.

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

C. Lies hurt other people

Proverbs 25:18 Like a club or a sword or a sharp arrow is the man who gives false testimony against his neighbor.

Proverbs 24:28 Do not testify against your neighbor without cause, or use your lips to deceive. ²⁹ Do not say, "I'll do to him as he has done to me; I'll pay that man back for what he did."

Proverbs 26:28 A lying tongue hates those it hurts, and a flattering mouth

works ruin.

Proverbs 29:5 Whoever flatters his neighbor is spreading a net for his feet.

Proverbs 26:24 A malicious man disguises himself with his lips, but in his heart he harbors deceit. ²⁵ Though his speech is charming, do not believe him, for seven abominations fill his heart. ²⁶ His malice may be concealed by deception, but his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly.

2. Slander and Gossip

Proverbs 10:18 He who conceals his hatred has lying lips, and whoever spreads slander is a fool.

Proverbs 30:10 "Do not slander a servant to his master, or he will curse you, and you will pay for it.

Proverb 20:19 A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much.

Proverbs 26:22 The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man's inmost parts.

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

Proverbs 25:9 If you argue your case with a neighbor, do not betray another man's confidence, or he who hears it may shame you and you will never lose your bad reputation.

3. Holding Your Tongue

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

Proverbs 11:12 A man who lacks judgment derides his neighbor, but a man

of understanding holds his tongue.

Proverbs 17:28 Even a fool is thought wise if he keeps silent, and discerning if he holds his tongue.

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

Proverbs 18:13 He who answers before listening-- that is his folly and his shame.

Proverbs 29:20 Do you see a man who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

Proverbs 26:17 Like one who seizes a dog by the ears is a passer-by who meddles in a quarrel not his own.

4. Speaking the Truth

Proverbs 12:22 The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.

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

Proverbs 12:18 Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Proverbs 26:18 Like a madman shooting firebrands or deadly arrows ¹⁹ is a man who deceives his neighbor and says, "I was only joking!"

Proverbs 10:32 The lips of the righteous know what is fitting, but the mouth of the wicked only what is perverse.

Proverbs 11:9 With his mouth the godless destroys his neighbor, but through knowledge the righteous escape.

Proverbs 15:7 The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so the hearts of fools.

Proverbs 24:26 An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.

Proverbs 18:20 From the fruit of his mouth a man's stomach is filled; with the harvest from his lips he is satisfied. ²¹ The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Proverbs 16:1 To man belong the plans of the heart, but from the LORD comes the reply of the tongue.

5. Comforting Speech

Proverbs 14:10 Each heart knows its own bitterness, and no one else can share its joy.

Proverbs 14:13 Even in laughter the heart may ache, and joy may end in grief.

Proverbs 12:25 An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up.

Proverbs 15:23 A man finds joy in giving an apt reply-- and how good is a timely word!

Proverbs 16:24 Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

Proverbs 25:11 A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.

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