
What Should a Father Teach His Children? – Part 4 (Proverbs)

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| 1. Fear the Lord | 5. Seek Moral Purity |
| 2. Pursue True Wisdom | 6. Practice Thoughtful Discernment |
| 3. Honor Your Parents | 7. Apply Yourself Diligently |
| 4. Choose Good Companions | 8. Find a Godly Spouse |

9. Use Words Wisely

a. Know the Power of Talk

10:21 The lips of the righteous feed many, But fools die for lack of wisdom.

b. Know When to talk

10:19-20 In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips *is* wise. ²⁰ The tongue of the righteous *is* choice silver; The heart of the wicked *is* worth little.

10:32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, But the mouth of the wicked *what is* perverse.

12:23 A prudent man conceals knowledge, But the heart of fools proclaims foolishness.

13:3 He who guards his mouth preserves his life, *But* he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.

15:2 The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.

15:23 A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word *spoken* in due season, how good *it is!*

17:28 Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; *When* he shuts his lips, *he is considered* perceptive.

18:6-7 A fool's lips enter into contention, And his mouth calls for blows. ⁷ A fool's mouth *is* his destruction, And his lips *are* the snare of his soul.

25:11 A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold In settings of silver.

27:2 Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips.

c. Know How to talk

Speak Truthfully

26:23-28 ²³ Fervent lips with a wicked heart *Are like* earthenware covered with silver dross. ²⁴ He who hates, disguises *it* with his lips, And lays up deceit within himself; ²⁵ When he speaks kindly, do not believe him, For *there are* seven abominations in his heart; ²⁶ *Though his* hatred is covered by deceit, His wickedness will be revealed before the assembly. ²⁷ Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, And he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him. ²⁸ A lying tongue hates *those who are* crushed by it, And a flattering mouth works ruin.

10:18 Whoever hides hatred *has* lying lips & whoever spreads slander *is* a fool.

12:19 The truthful lip shall be established forever, But a lying tongue *is* but for a moment.

12:22 Lying lips *are* an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal truthfully *are* His delight.

17:20 He who has a deceitful heart finds no good, And he who has a perverse tongue falls into evil.

21:6 Getting treasures by a lying tongue *is* the fleeting fantasy of those who seek death.

Speak Righteously

5:3 For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey& her mouth *is* smoother than oil; 7:21 With her enticing speech she caused him to yield, With her flattering lips she seduced him.

8:6-9 Listen, for I will speak of excellent things, And from the opening of my lips *will come* right things; ⁷ For my mouth will speak truth; Wickedness *is* an abomination to my lips. ⁸ All the words of my mouth *are* with righteousness; Nothing crooked or perverse *is* in them. ⁹ They *are* all plain to him who understands, And right to those who find knowledge.

16:13 Righteous lips *are* the delight of kings, And they love him who speaks *what is* right.

22:11 He who loves purity of heart *And has* grace on his lips, The king *will be* his friend.

Speak Wisely

10:13 Wisdom *is* found on the lips of him who has understanding, But a rod *is* for the back of him who is devoid of understanding.

10:31 The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, But the perverse tongue will be cut out.

14:3 In the mouth of a fool *is* a rod of pride, But the lips of the wise will preserve them.

15:7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge, But the heart of the fool *does* not *do* so.

16:21 The wise in heart will be called prudent, And sweetness of the lips increases learning.

Speak Carefully

15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.

16:23 The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, And adds learning to his lips.

Speak Helpfully

12:18 There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise *promotes* health.

12:25 Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad.

15:4 A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life, But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

15:7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge, But the heart of the fool *does* not *do* so.

16:27 An ungodly man digs up evil, And *it is* on his lips like a burning fire.

17:4 An evildoer gives heed to false lips; A liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue.

25:23 The north wind brings forth rain, And a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.

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

31:26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue *is* the law of kindness.