

Honeycomb, Sweetness and Health

Proverbs 16:24

Introduction:

I. A Survey of Proverbs on Speech

A. Sound Speech

1. Is _____ – Prov. 12:17
2. Is _____ – Prov. 10:31-32
3. Is _____ – Prov. 15:28
4. Is _____ – Prov. 10:19
5. It leads to _____ – Prov. 13:3
6. It leads to _____ – Prov. 15:1
7. It leads to _____ – Prov. 18:20
8. It leads to _____ – Prov. 13:2
9. It leads to _____ – Prov. 15:23
10. It is honored by _____ – Prov. 16:13

B. Pleasant Speech

1. Aids _____ – Prov. 16:21
2. Aids _____ – Prov. 12:18

C. Gentle Speech

1. Is _____ – Prov. 25:15
2. Is not used by the _____ – Prov. 18:23

D. Foolish Speech

1. Is _____ – Prov. 18:13
2. It leads to _____ – Prov. 14:23
3. It _____ – Prov. 18:7

E. False Speech

1. Leads to _____ – Prov. 17:4
2. Leads to _____ – Prov. 25:23
3. Leads to _____ – Prov. 26:28

II. A Look At Gossip Especially

A. Our word “gossip” is only used one time in the Scriptures.

B. Note these characteristics of gossip in Proverbs.

1. It is _____ – Prov. 21:28
2. It uses _____ – Prov. 20:19
3. It ruins _____ – Prov. 16:28
4. It perpetuates _____ – Prov. 26:20
5. It _____ – Prov. 18:8

C. Gossip will include two or more of the following ingredients.

1. Speaking about someone else
2. May include false statements or insinuations about someone else.

a) III John 10

b) II Cor. 12:20

3. Spreading private information

a) I Tim. 5:13

4. Statements made with evil or hurtful intentions

a) Rom. 1:29

b) Rom. 1:30

5. Speaking evil by exaggeration

a) I Peter 2:1

6. Speaking evil out of jealousy

a) Num. 12:8

7. Speech that is hurtful

a) Prov. 12:17

8. Speech that spreads strife among the brethren

a) Prov. 6:19

III. Replacing Inappropriate Speech With Proper Speech

A. Start every day with these two prayers:

1. _____

2. _____

B. Determine to guard my lips with the following replacements:

1. Any kind of _____ communication with
_____ communication – Eph. 4:29

2. Any _____ or _____
with that which is _____ – John 3:11

3. Any quick retort with _____ words –

a) Prov. 29:20

b) James 1:19

4. Any _____ response with patient

a) I Peter 2:23

b) Ps. 39:1-5

C. Text all we say – Col. 4:6

1. Is it _____?

2. Is it _____?

3. Is it _____?

4. Is it to the right _____?

5. Is it what I'll want to give an _____ for one day?

Conclusion: