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What Words Can Do

Proverbs 26:22

The words of a talebearer *are* like tasty trifles,
And they go down into the inmost body.

Proverbs 20:19

He who goes about *as* a talebearer
reveals secrets...



Proverbs 17:9

He who covers a transgression seeks love,
But he who repeats a matter separates friends.

What Words Can Do

Proverbs 6:16–19

These six *things* the LORD hates, Yes, seven
are an abomination to Him...one who sows
discord among brethren.

What Words Can Do

Proverbs 26:20

Where *there is* no wood, the fire goes out;
And where *there is* no talebearer, strife ceases.

What Words Can Do

Proverbs 12:18

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

Proverbs 16:24

Pleasant words *are like* a honeycomb,
Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.

What Words Can Do

Proverbs 12:25

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

Proverbs 10:11

The mouth of the righteous *is* a well of life...

What Words Can Do

Ephesians 4:29

Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

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What Words Can Do

Proverbs 25:11

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



Proverbs 15:23

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

Why we say the things we say

Luke 6:43–45

For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For *men* do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

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Proverbs 4:23

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How to Communicate

Listen

James 1:19–20

So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

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Proverbs 10:19

In the multitude of words sin is not lacking,
But he who restrains his lips *is* wise.

Proverbs 17:27–28

He who has knowledge spares his words,
And a man of understanding is of a calm spirit.
Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his
peace; *When* he shuts his lips, *he is*
considered perceptive.

How to Communicate

Speak Wisely

Proverbs 15:28

The heart of the righteous studies how to answer...

Proverbs 10:31

The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom...

Proverbs 15:7

The lips of the wise disperse knowledge...

Proverbs 18:4

The words of a man's mouth *are* deep waters;
The wellspring of wisdom *is* a flowing brook.

How to Communicate

Speak Graciously

Colossians 4:6

Let your speech always *be* with grace,
seasoned with salt

Proverbs 15:1

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

Proverbs 17:14

The beginning of strife *is like* releasing water;
Therefore stop contention before a quarrel
starts.

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Speak Graciously

2 Timothy 2:23–25

But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth,

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Speak Truthfully

Proverbs 12:17

He *who* speaks truth declares righteousness...

Proverbs 12:19

The truthful lip shall be established forever...

Proverbs 14:5

A faithful witness does not lie...

Proverbs 13:5

A righteous *man* hates lying...

Proverbs 12:22

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

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