

Proverbs: Walking in Wisdom to the Glory of God

“Wisdom and Words”

Proverbs 18:21

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Proverbs speak extensively about foolish vs. wise words. As a believer we will be faced with a variety of situations where we need the Spirit of God and the Wisdom of God to know how to use our words faithfully. As we learned in the first week, *Proverbs* are general principles, not unconditional promises; they tell us what is normally true, not what is absolutely guaranteed. They often depend on the right time and the right circumstances to be true. As we look through the Proverbs, we will see how God’s Word helps us to know how to appropriately use our words to bring him glory in all the various situations we may face in life.

God has entrusted us with the gift of _____, and with that gift comes the responsibility to steward them wisely. Our words have the _____ to build up or tear down, to heal or to wound (Proverbs 18:21).

Wise, life-giving words are:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Our words reveal the condition of our _____. Therefore, our greatest need is not merely better speech but _____ hearts. As God changes our hearts, our words increasingly reflect His truth, love, and wisdom. (Matthew 12:34-36)