

STICKS AND STONES MAY BREAK MY BONES!
(A Study in Proverbs on the Use of the Tongue)

I. That which comes out of the _____ is an expression of what is really in the _____ . (Matt. 12:34-35)

II. What are some WRONG uses of Words?

The Bible talks about.....

a. _____ Words.

* What does the LORD think of a lying tongue (Proverbs 6:16-17; 12:22)?

* Who is the father of lies? (John 8:44)

* What *always* came out of the Savior's mouth? (John 8:45-46)

b. _____ Words

The person who is _____ in his lips is described as a _____ (Proverbs 19:1).

In the New Testament God tells us that no _____ (Ephesians 4:29) or _____ (Colossians 3:8) communication should come out of the believer's mouth!

c. _____ and _____ Words .

"A _____ answer turns away _____ " (Proverbs 15:1).

d. _____ Words.

According to Proverbs 11:13, a talebearer _____ secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit _____ the matter.

* Are there some things that we should not repeat (Proverbs 17:9)?

e. _____ Words

A slanderer _____ the best of _____ . (Proverbs 16:28)

* What Old Testament story illustrates this truth?

f. _____ Words.

"In the _____ of words _____ is not lacking, but he that _____ his lips is _____" (Proverbs 10:19).

The wise man learns to _____ his words (Proverbs 17:27). The wise man learns to _____ his mouth (Proverbs 17:28).

Think Before We Speak!

Before we answer with our mouth we should _____ with our ears (Proverbs 18:13)! In James 1:19 we are told to be _____ (quick) to hear, _____ to speak.

III. The Power of Words to Hurt and To Heal.

* What damage can words do according to Proverbs 11:9?

* Can the wrong kind of words hurt a person (Proverbs 12:18)?

"The tongue of the wise promotes _____. (Proverbs 12:18).

"A wholesome tongue is a _____ of _____" (Proverbs 15:4), and this tree brings forth good and healthy fruit!

"Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, _____ to the soul, and _____ to the bones" (Proverbs 16:24)!

Psalm 141:3

³ Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.

* What should the believer's prayer be (Psalm 141:3)?

* What were the greatest words ever spoken?