



WISDOM'S WAY – PART 3

THE WAY OF THE MOUTH

PROVERBS 21:23

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²³ Those who guard their mouths and their tongues keep themselves from calamity.

GUARDED AND CAREFUL

PROVERBS 4:23-24

²³ Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. ²⁴ **Keep your mouth free of perversity; keep corrupt talk far from your lips.**

PROVERBS 30:32-33

³² "If you play the fool and exalt yourself, or if you plan evil, **clap your hand over your mouth!** ³³ For as churning cream produces butter, and as twisting the nose produces blood, so stirring up anger produces strife."

JAMES 1:19-20, 26

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be **quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry**, ²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. - - - ²⁶ **Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves**, and their religion is worthless.

Those who are wise guard their mouths and are careful about the things they say.

HONEST AND HELPFUL

PROVERBS 12:17-19

¹⁷ An **honest witness tells the truth**, but a false witness tells lies.

¹⁸ The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but **the tongue of the wise brings healing**.

¹⁹ Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.

PROVERBS 16:23-24

²³ The hearts of the wise **make their mouths prudent, and their lips promote instruction**.

²⁴ Gracious words are a honeycomb, **sweet to the soul and healing to the bones**.

EPHESIANS 4:25 & 29

²⁵ Therefore each of you must **put off falsehood and speak truthfully** to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. - - - ²⁹ **Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up** according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Those who are wise speak what is true and use their mouths to say things that are helpful.

EFFECTIVE AND PURPOSEFUL

LUKE 6:44-45

⁴⁴ Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. ⁴⁵ **A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart**, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. **For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.**

PROVERBS 10:19

¹⁹ Sin is not ended by multiplying words, but **the prudent hold their tongues**.

PROVERBS 25:15

¹⁵ Through patience **a ruler can be persuaded, and a gentle tongue can break a bone**.

EPHESIANS 5:18-20

^{18b} ...be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Those who are wise grow to be effective, influential, and uplifting.