

Proverbs Series #9: Word Wisdom

Proverbs 10

I. Here are the key verses in this passage that have to do with the use of our words.

¹The proverbs of Solomon:...

⁶Blessings are on the head of the righteous, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.

⁸A wise heart will receive commandments, but foolish lips will come to ruin.

¹⁰He who winks the eye causes grief, and foolish lips will come to ruin.

¹¹The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.

¹²Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers all transgressions.

¹³Wisdom is found on the lips of the discerning, but a rod is for the back of him who lacks judgment.

¹⁴The wise store up knowledge, but the mouth of the fool invites destruction.

¹⁸The one who conceals hatred has lying lips, and whoever spreads slander is a fool.

¹⁹When words are many, sin is unavoidable, but he who restrains his lips is wise.

²⁰The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked has little worth.

²¹The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of judgment.

³¹The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but a perverse tongue will be cut out.

³²The lips of the righteous know what is fitting, but the mouth of the wicked is perverse.

II. How can we apply the truths of this chapter?

A. Since we speak out of what is in our heart we must constantly seek **forgiveness** of ourselves and others to keep our heart free from hatred.
V. 6, 10, 11, 18

B. We must be open to **replacing** faulty thinking with truth. V. 8, 14

C. We will receive **blessings** from the words we use, and we will receive **judgment** from them as well. V. 13, 20, 21, 31

D. We must temper our words with **love**. V. 19, 32