

## Proverbs Part 2 - How to speak wisely

### Introduction

#### 1. Don't say too much

e.g. Proverbs 10:19: "When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise."

Proverbs 29:20: "Do you see a man who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for him."

#### 2. Don't say too little

e.g. Proverbs 15:23: "A man finds joy in giving an apt reply – and how good is a timely word!"

#### 3. Think about what you are saying

e.g. Proverbs 26:28: "A lying tongue hates those it hurts, and a flattering mouth works ruin."

Proverbs 15:1: "A gentle answer turns against wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

Proverbs 16:32: "Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city."

#### 4. Think about who you say things to

e.g. Proverbs 23:9: "Do not speak to a fool, for he will scorn the wisdom of your words."

### Conclusion

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Are you more likely to say too much or too little? How can we help each other as we seek to speak wisely?