

Mastering Your Mouth Bible Verses

Proverbs 12:18

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

LYING:

Proverbs 6:16-19

There are six things the Lord hates,
seven that are detestable to him:
¹⁷ haughty eyes,
a lying tongue,
hands that shed innocent blood,
¹⁸ a heart that devises wicked schemes,
feet that are quick to rush into evil,
¹⁹ a false witness who pours out lies
and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.

Proverbs 10:18-19

Whoever conceals hatred with lying lips
and spreads slander is a fool.
¹⁹ Sin is not ended by multiplying words,
but the prudent hold their tongues.

Proverbs 12:17-19

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.

CURSING/CONTEMPT/UNWHOLESOME TALK:

Proverbs 4:24

Keep your mouth free of perversity;
keep corrupt talk far from your lips. (NIV)

GOSSIP:

Proverbs 18:8

The words of a gossip are like choice morsels;
they go down to the inmost parts. (NIV)

Listening to gossip is like eating cheap candy;
do you really want junk like that in your belly? (The Message)

Prov 11:13

A gossip betrays a confidence,
but a trustworthy person keeps a secret. (NIV)

A gadabout gossip can't be trusted with a secret,
but someone of integrity won't violate a confidence. (The Message)

Proverbs 26:20-24

Fire goes out without wood,
and quarrels disappear when gossip stops.

²¹ A quarrelsome person starts fights
as easily as hot embers light charcoal or fire lights wood.

²² Rumors are dainty morsels
that sink deep into one's heart.

²³ Smooth^[a] words may hide a wicked heart,
just as a pretty glaze covers a clay pot.

²⁴ People may cover their hatred with pleasant words,
but they're deceiving you. (NLT)

Proverbs 17:9

Whoever would foster love covers over an offense,
but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.

CANDID MOUTH:

Prov 24:26

An honest answer
is like a kiss of friendship. (NLT)

Prov 27:6

Wounds from a sincere friend
are better than many kisses from an enemy. (NLT)

CONFIDENTIAL MOUTH:

Prov 11:13

A gossip goes around telling secrets,
but those who are trustworthy can keep a confidence. (NLT)

Prov 25:9-10

When arguing with your neighbor,
don't betray another person's secret.

¹⁰ Others may accuse you of gossip,
and you will never regain your good reputation. (NLT)

CONSTRUCTIVE MOUTH:

Prov 16:24

Gracious words are a honeycomb,
sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. (NIV)

Kind words are like honey—
sweet to the soul and healthy for the body. (NLT)

Prov 25:11

Timely advice is lovely,
like golden apples in a silver basket. (NLT)

A word spoken at the right time
is like gold apples on a silver tray.^[a] (Holman)

CHECKED MOUTH:

Prov 17:27-28

The intelligent person restrains his words,
and one who keeps a cool head^[a]
is a man of understanding.
²⁸ Even a fool is considered wise when he keeps silent,
discerning when he seals his lips. (Holman)

Prov 18:13

The one who gives an answer before he listens—
this is foolishness and disgrace for him. (Holman)

Prov 18:13-15

Spouting off before listening to the facts
is both shameful and foolish.

¹⁴ The human spirit can endure a sick body,
but who can bear a crushed spirit?

¹⁵ Intelligent people are always ready to learn.
Their ears are open for knowledge. (NLT)

Prov 26:4

Don't answer the foolish arguments of fools,
or you will become as foolish as they are. (NLT)

Proverbs 21:23

**The one who guards his mouth and tongue
keeps himself out of trouble. (Holman)**

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