

Proverbs 1:2–3 (NLT)

² Their purpose is to teach people **wisdom and discipline,**

to help them understand the insights of the wise.

³ Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives,

to help them do what is right, just, and fair.

James 3:2 (ESV)

² For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body.

Proverbs 16:21–23 (ESV)

- 21 The **wise of heart** is called discerning,
and sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness.
- 22 Good sense is a fountain of life to him who has it,
but the instruction of fools is folly.
- 23 The **heart of the wise** makes his speech judicious
(*prudent*)
and adds persuasiveness to his lips.

Proverbs 26:23 (ESV)

²³ Like the glaze covering an earthen vessel are fervent lips with an evil heart. ...

²⁵ when he speaks graciously, believe him not, for there are seven abominations in his heart;

²⁶ though his hatred be covered with deception, his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly.

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Proverbs 4:23–27 (NLT)

**23 Guard your heart above all else,
for it determines the course of your life.**

**24 Avoid all perverse talk;
stay away from corrupt speech.**

**25 Look straight ahead,
and fix your eyes on what lies before you.**

**26 Mark out a straight path for your feet;
stay on the safe path.**

**27 Don't get sidetracked;
keep your feet from following evil.**

The first and great work of a Christian is about his heart. There it is that God dwells by his Spirit, in his saints; and there it is that sin and Satan reign, in the ungodly. The great duties and the great sins are those of the heart. There is the root of good and evil: the tongue and life are but the fruits and expressions of that which dwells within.

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*“ Superficial habits of talks react on the mind, so that cynical chatter, fashionable grumbles, flippancy, half-truths, barely meant in the first place, **harden into well-established habits of thought.**”*

*“Repeated complaints, grumbles, coarse jesting **hardens and develops into habits of thoughts.** The place where it affects the most is **our heart.**”*

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Proverbs 12:17 (ESV)

¹⁷Whoever speaks the truth gives honest evidence,
but a false witness utters deceit.

Proverbs 18:20–21 (ESV)

²⁰ From the **fruit of a man's mouth** his **stomach is satisfied**; he is **satisfied by the yield of his lips**.

²¹ ***Death*** and ***life*** are in the power of the *tongue*, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

Proverbs 26:28 (ESV)

²⁸ A lying tongue hates its victims,
and a flattering mouth works ruin.

Proverbs 26:23 (NLT)

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

Proverbs 22:24–25 (ESV)

²⁴ Make no friendship with a man **given to anger**,
nor go with a wrathful man,

²⁵ lest you learn his ways
and entangle yourself in a snare.

‘Given to anger’ – *‘Owns anger’* or *‘lord of anger’*.

Proverbs 13:3 (ESV)

³ Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life;
he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.

Proverbs 10:18 (NLT)

¹⁸ Hiding hatred makes you a liar;
slandering others makes you a fool.

Proverbs 18:7–8 (NLT)

⁷ The mouths of fools are their ruin;
they trap themselves with their lips.

⁸ Rumors are dainty morsels
that sink deep into one's heart.

Proverbs 17:4 (NLT)

⁴ Wrongdoers eagerly listen to gossip;
liars pay close attention to slander.

Proverbs 10:12 (NLT)

¹² Hatred stirs up quarrels,
but love makes up for all offenses.

Proverbs 26:12 (NLT)

¹² There is more hope for fools
than for people who think they are wise.

Proverbs 17:28 (ESV)

²⁸ Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise;
when he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent.

Proverbs 18:2 (ESV)

² A fool takes no pleasure in understanding,
but only in expressing his opinion.

Proverbs 10:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but
whoever restrains his lips is prudent.

Proverbs 8:7 (NLT)

⁷ for I speak the truth and detest every kind of deception.

Proverbs 10:11 (ESV)

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

Proverbs 12:19 (NLT)

¹⁹ Truthful words stand the test of time,
but lies are soon exposed.

Proverbs 10:21 (ESV)

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

Ephesians 4:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ *Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,*

Proverbs 15:4 (ESV)

⁴ A gentle tongue is a tree of life,
but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

Proverbs 16:24 (NASB95)

**24 Pleasant words are a honeycomb,
Sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.**

Proverbs 15:23 (ESV)

²³ To make an apt answer is a joy to a man,
and a word in season, **how good it is!**

Proverbs 25:11 (ESV)

11 A word fitly spoken

is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

Proverbs 3:1–4 (The Message)

Good friend, don't forget all I've taught you;
take to heart my commands.

**They'll help you live a long, long time,
a long life lived full and well.**

Don't lose your grip on Love and Loyalty.

Tie them around your neck; carve their initials on your heart.

***Earn a reputation for living well
in God's eyes and the eyes of the people.***