

Wisdom for the Tongue

Selected Proverbs

Words are like tools – be careful how you use them!

1. . Select your words carefully!

2. Employ your words honestly!

3. Use your words constructively!

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT:

1. “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me.” Agree or disagree?
2. Read Proverbs 10:20 and Matthew 12:34. What’s the connection between the heart and the tongue? When you hit your thumb with a hammer, how does what comes out of your mouth reflect your heart? What can you do about that?
3. When you’re at a ballgame and the people around you are using foul language, how helpful is it to ask them to control their tongue? What’s really needed?
4. Why is gossip so dangerous? Why is it so popular in the church? How can it be stopped? What do you need to decide right now about the next time you hear someone gossip?
5. If words are like tools, are there some we ought to just never carry? See Ephesians 4:25-32. How can we put that into practice?
6. Can you think of a time when you or someone you know made a difference by using their words constructively? What was the effect?
7. Can you think of a way you can use words (spoken, written, texted, phoned) to make a positive difference for someone this week? Will you plan to do it?