

SPEECH

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"Self-control means controlling the tongue" (Proverbs 11:12 LB).

I. _____ before you speak.

"Intelligent people think before they speak. What they say is then more persuasive." Proverbs 16:23 (GN)

1. Engage your _____ before your tongue! (Proverbs 15:1)

"Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak . . ." (James 1:19)

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

2. Talk is _____ cheap!

"You will have to live with the consequences of everything you say." (Proverbs 18:20 GN)

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Proverbs 18:21 GN)

Evaluate yourself: 0 < _____ > 10

II. Be a good _____.

"He who answers before listening — that is his folly and his shame." (Proverbs 18:13)

1. Listening is a lost _____.

"A fool finds no pleasure in understanding . . ." (Proverbs 18:2)

2. Give people your _____ attention (MOTO).

Evaluate yourself: 0 < _____ > 10

III. Use _____ with restraint.

"A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even-tempered. Even a fool is thought wise if he keeps silent, and discerning if he holds his tongue." (Proverbs 17:27-28)

1. When in doubt, _____!

2. How to lose friends: Talk about _____!

Evaluate yourself: 0 < _____ > 10

IV. Get to the _____.

"The things that come out of your mouth come from your heart." (Matthew 15:18; 12:34b)

1. Your _____ is the problem! (Jeremiah 17:9)

2. You need a _____ heart (Ezekiel 11:19-20)

3. You can _____ for a new heart (Psalm 51:10)