

# THE WEIGHTINESS OF WORDS

PROVERBS (Select verses)

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## I. Two kinds of \_\_\_\_\_

**Proverbs 15:28** The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

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CAN YOU \_\_\_\_\_ WHAT YOU \_\_\_\_\_?

## II. A river of \_\_\_\_\_ or a valley of \_\_\_\_\_

**Proverbs 18:21** The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

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YOUR TONGUE IS JUST A \_\_\_\_\_.

## III. The battle for our speech \_\_\_\_\_ with our \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 12:34** For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

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WHAT IS FILLING UP YOUR \_\_\_\_\_?

In the mouth of the foolish is a rod for his back, But the lips of the wise will protect them. **Prov. 14:3 NASB**

The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness. **Prov. 15:2 NKJV**

The heart of the wise teaches his mouth and adds learning to his lips. **Prov. 16:23 NKJV**

The lips of fools bring them strife, and their mouths invite a beating.<sup>7</sup> The mouths of fools are their undoing, and their lips are a snare to their very lives. **Prov. 18:6-7**

### Righteous and Wicked Speech

The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value. <sup>21</sup> The lips of the righteous nourish many, but fools die for lack of sense. **Prov. 10:20-21**

The lips of the righteous bring forth what is acceptable, But the mouth of the wicked what is perverted. **Prov. 10:32 NASB**

From the fruit of their lips people enjoy good things, but the unfaithful have an appetite for violence. **Prov. 13:2**

The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, But the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things. **Prov. 15:28**

### Appropriate Speech

Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. **Prov. 16:24**

Like apples of gold in settings of silver Is a word spoken in right circumstances. **Prov. 25:11**

He who blesses his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, It will be counted a curse to him. **Prov. 27:14 NKJV**

### Controlled Speech

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. **Prov. 15:1**

The one who has knowledge uses words with restraint, and whoever has understanding is even-tempered. **Prov. 17:28**

### Slander and Gossip

Whoever conceals hatred with lying lips and spreads slander is a fool. **Prov. 10:18**

A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret. **Prov. 11:13**

A perverse person stirs up conflict, and a gossip separates close friends. **Prov. 16:28**

The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to the inmost parts. **Prov. 18:8**

He who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets, therefore do not associate with a gossip. **Prov. 20:19**

Without wood a fire goes out; without a gossip a quarrel dies down. **Prov. 26:20**

### Hurtful Speech

He who despises his neighbor lacks sense, But a man of understanding keeps silent. **Prov. 11:12 NASB**

The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. **Prov. 12:18 NIV**