

Controlling the Tongue

Restraint - Not talking too much

Psalms 39:1

- What did he mean to restrain his mouth with a muzzle?

Proverbs 10:19

- What is not lacking when words are plentiful?
- How careful do we need to be about having a multitude of words?

Proverbs 17:27-28

- What can cause us to be counted wise?

Proverbs 23:9

- Do we need to consider the person we are speaking to?

Proverbs 18:2

- Is it a temptation to focus on and express our own opinions and feelings?

Ecclesiastes 5:6-7

- Is it tempting to make excuses for wrong things we say and claim it was a mistake?

Proverbs 26:17

- Does it take wisdom to know when to help (be a peacemaker) and when we shouldn't meddle?

Haste - Talking without Thought

Psalms 17:3

- How do we purpose, does this imply planning?

Proverbs 21:23

- What does it mean to guard our mouth?

Proverbs 29:20

- Why is there more hope for a fool?

Proverbs 15:28

- On what should we study before we answer?

James 1:26

- How serious is not bridling our tongue?

Deceit

Revelations 21:8

- How serious is lying, what fate awaits?
- Which type of lie causes this fate, black lies, white lies, lies to prevent hurting someone's feelings, lies told in a good cause?

1 Peter 3:10

- Can we deceive without telling an actual lie?

1 Peter 2:1-3

- Can we grow without laying aside all deceit?

Proverbs 25:18

- Can lies have consequences?

John 8:44

- Whose language are we speaking when we speak lies, even well-intentioned ones?

Proverbs 6:16-19

- Are lies mentioned more than once in the 6 things the Lord hates, why?

1 Thessalonians 2:3

- Can there be a temptation to use deceit for a good purpose (exhortation)?

2 Corinthians 4:2

- Can we be tempted to misuse God's word deceitfully to prove something that we know is true from other verses?

Joking

Proverbs 26:18-19

- Is using deceit in a prank ok?

Ephesians 5:3-5

- What is coarse jesting?

Anger and Rude Communication

Proverbs 15:1-2

- Can we use knowledge wrongly, even foolishly?

Matthew 5:22

- What is meant by “you fool”

Romans 12:21

- Do we often face a temptation to get even, to right a wrong in wrong ways?

Corrupt Language

Exodus 20:7

- What does it mean to take God’s name in vain, what would be included in this?

Ephesians 4:29

- How much corrupt language is allowed?

Colossians 3:8

- What is filthy language?

Gossip

James 4:11

- Can we speak evil, even when we say something true?

Proverbs 26:20

- What is the obvious result from gossip, is it something we want to be associated with?

Leviticus 19:16

- What is a talebearer?

Swearing Oaths

James 5:12, Matthew 5:33-36

- Can we swear at all?

Exodus 22:10-11

- In the Old Testament, did God require oaths in some situations?

2 Corinthians 1:23, Galatians 1:20

- Were these two examples oaths?

What Affects our Speech

Matthew 12:34-37

- Where does wrong speech come from?
- How important are idle words, even spoken without a thought?

Philippians 4:8

- How can we influence what is in our hearts?

1 Corinthians 15:33

- What is evil company?
- Can what we watch on TV, social media, and Youtube be evil company?

Things We Should Be Saying

Psalms 35:28, Psalms 119:171-172

- What should fill our hearts and become our words?

Ezekiel 33:6

- Can keeping silent be wrong?

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

- What important purpose mentioned here do our words fulfill?

Isaiah 5:20-21

- Does the world today use this temptation trying to force us into its mold?

Consequences of our Speech

Psalms 139:4

- Do we realize that God knows everything we say?

Matthew 12:36-37

- Will we be judged by what we say?

Psalms 19:14, Matthew 15:11, Proverbs 12:13

- Can our speech be acceptable to God?