

# Proverbs About Wise Speech

## PART 1

**Pr 10:11** The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life,  
but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked.

**Pr 10:20** The tongue of the righteous is choice silver,  
but the heart of the wicked is of little value.

**Pr 10:21** The lips of the righteous nourish many,  
but fools die for lack of judgment.

**Pr 10:31** The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom,  
but a perverse tongue will be cut out.  
**32** The lips of the righteous know what is fitting,  
but the mouth of the wicked only what is perverse.

**Pr 12:6** The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood,  
but the speech of the upright rescues them.

**Pr 12:13** An evil man is trapped by his sinful talk,  
but a righteous man escapes trouble.

**Pr 13:2** From the fruit of his lips a man enjoys good things,  
but the unfaithful have a craving for violence.

**Pr 14:3** A fool's talk brings a rod to his back,  
but the lips of the wise protect them.

**Pr 15:7** The lips of the wise spread knowledge;  
not so the hearts of fools.

**Pr 15:14** The discerning heart seeks knowledge,  
but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly.

**Pr 16:13** Kings take pleasure in honest lips;  
they value a man who speaks the truth.

**Pr 16:27** A scoundrel plots evil,  
and his speech is like a scorching fire.

**Pr 17:20** A man of perverse heart does not prosper;  
he whose tongue is deceitful falls into trouble.

**Pr 18:6** A fool's lips bring him strife,  
and his mouth invites a beating.

**7** A fool's mouth is his undoing,  
and his lips are a snare to his soul.

**Pr 22:12** The eyes of the LORD keep watch over knowledge,  
but he frustrates the words of the unfaithful.

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## PART 2

**Pr 10:14** Wise men store up knowledge,  
but the mouth of a fool invites ruin.

**Pr 10:19** When words are many, sin is not absent,  
but he who holds his tongue is wise.

**Pr 11:12** A man who lacks judgment derides his neighbor,  
but a man of understanding holds his tongue.

**Pr 12:23** A prudent man keeps his knowledge to himself,  
but the heart of fools blurts out folly.

**Pr 13:3** He who guards his lips guards his life,  
but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin.

**Pr 15:2** The tongue of the wise commends knowledge,  
but the mouth of the fool gushes folly.

**Pr 15:28** The heart of the righteous weighs its answers,  
but the mouth of the wicked gushes evil.

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

**Pr 18:2** A fool finds no pleasure in understanding  
but delights in airing his own opinions.

**Pr 18:17** The first to present his case seems right,  
till another comes forward and questions him.

**Pr 20:25** It is a trap for a man to dedicate something rashly  
and only later to consider his vows.

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**Pr 21:23** He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity.

**Pr 23:9** Do not speak to a fool, for he will scorn the wisdom of your words.

**Pr 27:14** If a man loudly blesses his neighbor early in the morning, it will be taken as a curse.

**Pr 29:20** Do you see a man who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

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### PART 3

**Pr 10:18** He who conceals his hatred has lying lips, and whoever spreads slander is a fool.

**Pr 11:13** A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.

**Pr 12:17** A truthful witness gives honest testimony, but a false witness tells lies.

**Pr 12:19** Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.

**Pr 12:22** The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.

**Pr 13:5** The righteous hate what is false, but the wicked bring shame and disgrace.

**Pr 14:5** A truthful witness does not deceive, but a false witness pours out lies.

**Pr 14:25** A truthful witness saves lives, but a false witness is deceitful.

**Pr 17:4** A wicked man listens to evil lips; a liar pays attention to a malicious tongue.

**Pr 18:8** The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man's inmost parts.

**Pr 19:1** Better a poor man whose walk is blameless than a fool whose lips are perverse.

**Pr 19:5** A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will not go free.

**Pr 19:9** A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will perish.

**Pr 19:28** A corrupt witness mocks at justice, and the mouth of the wicked gulps down evil.

**Pr 20:19** A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much.

**Pr 21:6** A fortune made by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a deadly snare.

**Pr 21:28** A false witness will perish, and whoever listens to him will be destroyed forever.

**Pr 25:18** Like a club or a sword or a sharp arrow is the man who gives false testimony against his neighbor.

**Pr 25:23** As a north wind brings rain, so a sly tongue brings angry looks.

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

**Pr 26:28** A lying tongue hates those it hurts, and a flattering mouth works ruin.

**Pr 27:5** Better is open rebuke than hidden love.

**Pr 28:23** He who rebukes a man will in the end gain more favor than he who has a flattering tongue.

**Pr 29:5** Whoever flatters his neighbor is spreading a net for his feet.