

Wisdom in my Words

Proverbs 12:18

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How can I show Godly wisdom in my words?

1. By knowing when to _____.

“When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.” Prov. 10:19
“...a man of understanding holds his tongue.” Prov. 11:12
“A man of knowledge uses words with restraint.” Prov. 17:27
“A man’s wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.” Prov. 19:11

It is never wise to be _____.

2. By knowing how to _____.

“The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life” Prov. 10:11
“The lips of the righteous nourish many...” Prov. 10:21
“The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life” Prov. 15:4
“The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood, but the speech of the upright rescues them.” Prov. 12:6

3. By knowing when to _____.

“Speak for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.” Prov. 31:8-9

Small Group Leader & Personal Bible Study

Memory Verse: Proverbs 12:18

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Discovery Bible Study Exercise: In your journal or on a piece of paper make three columns and follow these steps:

- Step #1: Write out Proverbs 12:18
- Step #2: Re-write Proverbs 12:18 in your own words
- Step #3: Write out two or three things you discover from this passage?

Daily Bible Meditation: A Study of Wisdom

- Sunday – Proverbs 6
- Monday – Proverbs 7
- Tuesday – Proverbs 8
- Wednesday – Proverbs 9
- Thursday – Proverbs 10
- Friday – Proverbs 11
- Saturday – Proverbs 12

Lesson: Wise with Words

1. Explain how have you experienced pain that came from a reckless tongue?
2. How might you be guilty of having allowed your tongue to cause pain and hurt?
3. How can the wise use of your tongue bring healing?
4. Reflect a moment, can you think of someone whom God is tugging at your heart to offer words of encouragement, guidance, forgiveness, and healing? What is stopping you from responding to God’s call?