
The Way Of Wisdom

"Wise Words"

Proverbs 16:23

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Introduction: We are working our way through Proverbs in search of wisdom.

1. One of the most common topics Proverbs addresses is communication.
2. As we learned last week, communication is made up of an expression side and a reception side.
3. Last week we focused on the reception side because until we learn to listen, communication can't happen.
4. Today we focus on the expressive side of communication.
5. We want our speech to be characterized by wisdom.
6. The question is: How do we get there?

I. By Appreciating The Power Of Words

- A. Our Words Can Bless
- B. Our Words Can Harm

II. By Practicing Disciplined Speech

- A. Restraint
- B. Truth
- C. Fitting
- D. Healthy

Conclusion: As you can see, Solomon has a lot to say about communication.

1. There's a reason for that. He understands the power of communication.
2. We have all heard "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." That simply is not true.
3. We cannot change the past, but we can determine to do better as followers of Jesus.
4. With that in mind, let me suggest a grid to filter your speech.
 - What am I about to say?
 - Why am I saying it?
 - When am I saying it?
 - How am I saying it?
 - Who is really speaking here?
6. A wise man's heart guides his mouth and his lips promote instruction.