



# WISDOM'S WAY

"I HAVE TAUGHT YOU THE WAY OF WISDOM..."

PROVERBS 4:11a

Key Verse: Proverbs 15:2

"The tongue of the wise  
commends knowledge,  
but the mouth of fools pours out folly."

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### THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

- A. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." Proverbs 18:21
- B. "... For out of the overflow of his HEART, his mouth speaks." Luke 6:45
- C. "By the mouth of a fool comes a rod for his back, but the lips of the wise will preserve them." Proverbs 14:3

### RIGHT USES OF THE TONGUE

Proverbs 15:23

- A. A right use is to give counsel.
1. Wise counsel is needed in times of difficult decisions.
  2. God uses godly friends and mentors.
- B. A right use is for spiritual exhortation.
1. Check your motive.
  2. Keep "accounts short".
- C. A right use is for encouragement.
1. Use truth not flattery.
  2. Know that *everybody* needs it.

D. A right use is for being an ambassador.

1. Be aware of opportunities to witness.
2. Be aware of teachable moments.
3. Be aware of a need for comfort.

## WRONG USES OF THE TONGUE

A. A wrong use is for deceitful flattery.

1. Don't use insincere compliments.
2. Don't use excessive undue praise.

B. A wrong use is for slander, tale bearing, and gossip.

1. Don't use prayer.
2. Don't use wrong motives.
3. Ask some questions.
  - a. Is it true?
  - b. Is it confidential?
  - c. Is it kind?
  - d. Is it necessary?

C. A wrong use is for arguments, strife, and angry words.

D. A wrong use is for boasting or foolish talk.

1. Don't continue to babble on and on.
2. Don't be verbally impulsive.

E. A wrong use is profanity or vulgarity.

1. Don't sound like the culture.
2. Don't be part of classlessness.



F. A wrong use is for lies and exaggeration.

### THE POWER OF GOD'S WORDS

A. What do God's Words do?

1. He created.
2. He judges and saves.
3. He reproofs and teaches.

B. God is our ONLY hope.

### A CLOSING QUESTION

***Have a wonderful Holy-day season. Please read, enjoy, and comment on Psalm 100 and Luke 2:1-20.***

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***See you in January!***