

**What does Proverbs
teach us about...**

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teach us about...
...Words?**

Proverbs teaches us the importance of...
How we Speak

Our words are a window on our hearts

The *tongue* of the righteous is choice silver
the *heart* of the wicked is of little value (10:20)

The *heart* of the righteous weighs its answers
but the *mouth* of the wicked gushes evil (15:28)

A truthful witness gives honest testimony
but a false witness tells lies (12:17)

Proverbs teaches us the importance of...
How we Speak

Our words are powerful

The tongue has the power of life and death (18:21)

Reckless words pierce like a sword
but the tongue of the wise brings healing (12:18)

Through patience a ruler can be persuaded
and a gentle tongue can break a bone (25:15)

Proverbs teaches us the importance of...
How we Speak

Guard our lips

He who guards his lips guards his life
but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin (13:13)

When words are many, sin is not absent (10:19)

A man finds joy in giving an apt reply
and how good is a timely word (15:23)

He who answers before listening –
that is his folly and shame (18:13)

Proverbs teaches us the importance of...
How we Speak

Matthew 12:33-37

‘Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognised by its fruit. 34 You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good?’

For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. 35 A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him’

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How we Speak

Matthew 12:33-37

36 But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgement for every empty word they have spoken. 37 For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.'

Proverbs teaches us the importance of...
How we Listen

How we hear reveals our hearts

The mocker seeks wisdom and finds none (14:6)

A mocker resents correction,
he will not consult the wise (15:12)

A rebuke impresses a man of discernment
more than a hundred lashes a fool (17:10)

Proverbs teaches us the importance of...
How we Listen

How we hear changes us

The words of a gossip are like choice morsels;
they go down to a man's inmost parts (18:8 & 26:22)

He who listens to a life-giving rebuke
will be at home among the wise.

He who ignores discipline despises himself,
but whoever heeds correction gains understanding
(15:31-32)

Proverbs teaches us the importance of...
Hearing the Word of the Lord

God has spoken

The Lord gives wisdom
and from his mouth comes understanding (2:6)

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Hearing the Word of the Lord

God has spoken (the sayings of Agur)

'I am weary, God, and faint,
2 Surely I am only a brute, not a man;
I do not have human understanding.
3 I have not learned wisdom,
nor have I attained to the knowledge of the Holy One.
4 Who has gone up to heaven and come down?
Whose hands have gathered up the wind?
Who has wrapped up the waters in a cloak?
Who has established all the ends of the earth?
What is his name, and what is the name of his son?
Surely you know

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Hearing the Word of the Lord

**5 'Every word of God is flawless;
he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.**

**6 Do not add to his words,
or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.**

**7 'Two things I ask of you, Lord;
do not refuse me before I die:**

**8 keep falsehood and lies far from me;
give me neither poverty nor riches,
but give me only my daily bread.**

**9 Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you
and say, "Who is the Lord?"**

**Or I may become poor and steal,
and so dishonour the name of my God.**

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Hearing the Word of the Lord

God has spoken... through his Son

Proverbs shows us Jesus

Our words are a window on our heart

if you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Romans 10:9-10