Sermon Notes

Wisdom and Words

Proverbs

Learn to hold your tongue and think before you speak

Proverbs 10v19

19 When words are many, transgression is not lacking,
but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.

Proverbs 15v28

28 The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer,
but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

Proverbs 18v6-7

6 A fool's lips walk into a fight,
and his mouth invites a beating.
7 A fool's mouth is his ruin,
and his lips are a snare to his soul.

Refuse to engage in gossip, but be trustworthy

Proverbs 11v13

13 Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets,
but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing covered.

Proverbs 20v19

19 Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets;
therefore do not associate with a simple babbler.[e]

Proverbs 26v20-22

20 For lack of wood the fire goes out,
and where there is no whisperer, quarrelling ceases.
21 As charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire,
so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife.

22 The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels;
they go down into the inner parts of the body.

Have nothing to do with lies, but be known for your truthfulness

Proverbs 12v18-19

18 There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts,
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.
19 Truthful lips endure for ever,
but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

Proverbs 26v23-28

23 Like the glaze covering an earthen vessel
are fervent lips with an evil heart.
24 Whoever hates disguises himself with his lips
and harbours deceit in his heart;
25 when he speaks graciously, believe him not,
for there are seven abominations in his heart;
26 though his hatred be covered with deception,
his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly.
27 Whoever digs a pit will fall into it,
and a stone will come back on him who starts it rolling.
28 A lying tongue hates its victims,
and a flattering mouth works ruin.

Proverbs 16v13

13 Righteous lips are the delight of a king,
and he loves him who speaks what is right.