

## Friday

Read Proverbs 9. In verse 5, wisdom makes a surprising plea: “Come eat my food, drink my wine that I have mixed.” Usually when we think of getting wisdom, we think of stern Puritans. Why would Solomon use such evocative, surprising imagery of food and wine to entice people to follow the ways of wisdom? What does this say about the source of true, lasting pleasure?

Write down one verse from this chapter that you particularly liked:

*Thank the Lord today that he wants to bring you abundant life! Ask Him to help you apply wisdom you read about today!*

## Saturday

*Polish up the memory verse at the top of the page, and finish any daily meditations you may have missed. Please pray for the Lord to work through the lives of every single person in our church. Thank God for the blessing He pours out on you as an individual and on us as a congregation!*



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WEEK 2

## The Power of Words

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### The Power of Words

- **The power of words to \_\_\_\_\_**  
The words of the reckless **pierce like swords**, but the tongue of the wise brings **healing**. *Proverbs 12:18 (All verses from TNIV unless otherwise noted)*  
The perverse stir up **dissension**, and **gossips separate close friends**. *Proverbs 16:28*
- **The power of words to \_\_\_\_\_**  
The **words of the wicked lie in wait** for blood, but the speech of the upright rescues them. *Proverbs 12:6*  
**Evildoers are trapped by their sinful talk**, and so the innocent escape trouble. *Proverbs 12:13*
- **The power of words to \_\_\_\_\_**  
The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its **fruit**. *Proverbs 18:21*  
Wise words satisfy like a **good meal**; the right words bring satisfaction. *Proverbs 18:20 NLT*  
Kind words are like **honey** — sweet to the soul and healthy for the body. *Proverbs 16:24 NLT*

### How to harness the power of words

1. Use \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_ words  
The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a **deceitful tongue crushes the spirit**. *Proverbs 15:4*  
In the end, people appreciate **frankness** more than flattery. *Proverbs 28:23 LB*
2. Use \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_ words  
A **gentle** answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. *Proverbs 15:1*  
Through patience a ruler can be persuaded, and a **gentle tongue can break a bone**. *Proverbs 25:15*

### 3. Use \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_ words

The lips of the righteous know what is **fitting**, but the mouth of the wicked only what is perverse. *Proverbs 10:32 NIV*

A word **aptly** spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver. *Proverbs 25:11*

An honest answer is like a **kiss on the lips**. *Proverbs 24:26*

He who **answers before listening** — that is his folly and shame. *Proverbs 18:13*

### 4. Use \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_ words

When words are many, sin is not absent, but **he who holds his tongue is wise**. *Proverbs 10:19 NIV*

A good man **thinks before he speaks**; the evil man pours out his evil words without a thought. *Proverbs 15:28 LB*

Self-control means controlling the tongue! A **quick retort** can ruin everything. *Proverbs 13:3 LB*

**Even a fool is thought wise if he keeps silent**, and discerning if he holds his tongue. *Proverbs 17:28*

#### How can I hope to manage my mouth?

A wise man's **heart** guides his mouth, and his lips promote instruction. *Proverbs 16:23*

[Jesus said] "... out of the overflow of the **heart** the mouth speaks." *Matthew 12:34*

\_\_\_\_\_ **problems are really** \_\_\_\_\_ **problems**

## Daily Meditations

*During this series, we will read through the entire book of Proverbs in our daily meditation time! These devotions will be simple — just a chance for you to discover Proverbs relevant to your life! Remember, if you stick with this daily meditation program, you'll have read every verse in the Book of Proverbs by the time this series is over!*

### Monday

What we think of as the "proverbs" of Solomon — the short, one-sentence sayings — don't really begin until chapter 10. Until then, the writer of Proverbs writes sort of a motivational talk about the necessity of living a wise life. Read Proverbs 6:1–22.

Name at least five things the writer warns about:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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Write down one verse from this chapter that you particularly liked:

*Ask God to help you apply the wisdom you read — today!*

### Tuesday

Read Proverbs 6:23–7:27. What is the theme of this chapter and a half?

Remember, Solomon just spent all of chapter 5 on this same subject. Why, of all themes, does he spend two-and-a-half chapters warning against adultery, prostitution, and other sexual sins?

What would Solomon say to the person who says, "What I do with my body is nobody's business. If these are crimes, at least they are victimless crimes."

What does he say will happen to the one who falls prey to these temptations?

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### Wednesday

Read Proverbs 8:1–21. These verses personify wisdom as a woman-- to contrast her with the "adulterous woman" of the previous chapter. It says that "wisdom calls out" to everyone, yet most don't heed. Why don't people heed wisdom?

Today as you read the paper or watch TV or listen to radio or go online, take note of the things you see or hear that Solomon would have called "foolishness." What foolish advice from our media culture have you fallen prey to yourself at times?

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### Thursday

Read Proverbs 8:22–36. This section has one main theme-- Wisdom says something about her nature. What is it? Why is it important to know what wisdom was in existence before the creation of the world?

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