

word **TO THE** wise

A S E R I E S I N P R O V E R B S

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Part 5 | **Watch Your Mouth!**

Multiple Proverbs

Proverbs 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
and those who love it will eat its fruits.

Ephesians 4:29

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths,
but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion,
that it may give grace to those who hear.

Luke 6:43–45

⁴³ “For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit,
⁴⁴ for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from
thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush.
⁴⁵ The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good,
and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil,
for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Words have **POWER**,

Proverbs 18:21

to give life (see *Word to the Wise Part 7*); Proverbs 12:25; Ephesians 4:29

to sink ships

lying Proverbs 12:22; John 8:44; Proverbs 17:4; 20:17

gossip Proverbs 18:8; 26:20-22

to sabotage and destroy Proverbs 15:1-2; 15:18; 16:32; 21:23; 22:10; 25:28; 29:11, 20; James 3:1-8

so watch **WHAT YOU SAY**

to/about others Proverbs 17:9; 11:12; James 5:9; Proverbs 25:18-19

to/about yourself Psalm 42-43; Romans 12:2; John 6:68; Philipppians 4:8

it will reveal your **HEART**.

James 3:9-12; Luke 6:43-45

What are your words revealing about your heart?



Grow.

Food for Thought...

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

This summer we're in a series called "Word to the Wise". We'll be studying parts of the book of Proverbs and seeking the wisdom it offers. Have you every wanted wisdom? James tells us it's a good thing and we should ask for it (**James 1:5**), but there's also some effort to be put in on our end. Scripture makes it clear we don't get wisdom on accident but by searching for it like a hidden treasure (**Proverbs 2:1-22**).

This summer let's make an effort to read from Proverbs every day.

Since Proverbs has 31 chapters, a practical way to do this is to daily read the chapter that corresponds to the day of the month and consider these questions:

- 1. What applies to me today?** (*And how can I do it—in thought, attitude, word, or deed?*)
- 2. Where have I seen this in others?**
- 3. Where have I experienced this?**

Ideas to Maximize Your Reading of Proverbs:

Pick a Time: If we want to make something happen, we usually need to set a time when it will actually happen. Consider your options.

Mark it Up: Have a pen in hand to jot down notes and underline those verses that catch your attention. It will be encouraging to look back at what you wrote after you've done this over time.

Write Down Your Thoughts: Get a notebook and write down anytime you have a response to one of the three questions above.

Use an App: Below are sites/apps that have Proverbs reading plans for your smartphone, tablet or computer. There is even an audio option for listening instead of reading. Each app allows you to mark up verses, jot down notes, as well as share your thoughts with friends.

Gateway Bible Proverb Reading Plan

<https://www.biblegateway.com/reading-plans/proverbs-monthly/today?version=NIV>

YouVersion Bible Proverb Reading Plan (*Free in AppStore*)

<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/149-proverbs>

Faithlife Study Bible (*Free in AppStore*)

<https://support.faithlife.com/hc/en-us/articles/360032481712-Reading-Plans>

Ease Up: If you miss a day reading, don't stress and say, "Forget about it..." and give up! Just pick it up the next day and keep going!

* This week's Food for Thought is adapted from a discussion guide by North Coast Church in Vista, CA and "God's Wisdom for Navigating Life: A Year of Daily Devotions in the Book of Proverbs" by Tim Keller. North Coast is a sister church of Wawasee Bible, part of the EFCA.

Life Groups Return in the Fall!

Each fall and spring people from Wawasee Bible meet regularly in small groups to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups and they meet in various homes and on campus. If you really want to connect and grow, you need to get in a Life Group! If you're interested, look for sign-ups in August or let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin. **Look for other opportunities to connect outside of Life Groups over the summer.**





APRIL/MAY/JUNE CHALLENGE:

Gather, Grow, Go!

We want to see every person who calls Wawasee home do 3 things:

1. **Gather** regularly on Sunday mornings. (Hebrews 10:25).
2. **Grow** by getting connected in a growth ministry like a Life Group, Forge, Women's Bible Study, etc. Don't just show up, *grow up!* (1 Corinthians 3:1-3; Heb. 5:12)
3. **Go** serve somewhere! Wawasee Bible will *never* feel like family to you until you're linking arms and serving somewhere. **Where are you serving?** More than ever, we need people willing to serve. (1 Peter 4:10-11)

How are you doing at these three things? Do you need to **Gather** and show up more regularly? Do you need to **Grow** up and get connected in a Life Group? Do you need to **Go** and get off the sidelines and into the game so that you can contribute rather than just consume?

This spring your challenge is to take some tangible steps to *Gather, Grow, & Go!*

Word Find for James 3:1-12 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹ Not **many** of you should **become teachers**, my **brothers**, for you **know** that we who **teach** will be **judged** with **greater strictness**. ² For we all **stumble** in **many** ways. And if **anyone** does not **stumble** in what he **says**, he is a **perfect** man, able **also** to bridle his whole **body**. ³ If we put bits into the **mouths** of horses so that they obey us, we **guide** their whole **bodies** as well. ⁴ Look at the ships **also**: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are **guided** by a very **small** rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So **also** the **tongue** is a **small member**, yet it boasts of **great things**. How **great** a forest is set ablaze by such a **small fire**! ⁶ And the **tongue** is a **fire**, a world of unrighteousness. The **tongue** is set among our **members**, staining the whole **body**, setting on **fire** the entire course of life, and set on **fire** by hell. ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be **tamed** and has been **tamed** by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can **tame** the **tongue**. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we **bless** our Lord and Father, and with it we **curse** people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the **same mouth** come **blessing** and **cursing**. My **brothers**, these **things** ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the **same** opening both **fresh** and **salt water**? ¹² Can a fig tree, my **brothers**, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a **salt** pond yield **fresh water**.

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