

Pursuing Wisdom in Words: *Pete Wilson*

Proverbs 18:21 The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

James 3:2-8 ²We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check. ³When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, ⁸but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

Proverbs 11:12 Whoever belittles his neighbor lacks sense, but a man of understanding remains silent.

Matthew 12:34 You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.

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

GOD HAS DESIGNED THE HUMAN SOUL WHERE YOUR WORDS WILL EITHER _____ OR _____ ONE ANOTHER.

Proverbs 15:4 Gentle words are a tree of life; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.

Ephesians 4:29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.