

Proverbs 29:20, “Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? There is more hope of a fool than of him.”



James 1:19-20, “Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.”

Psalm 52:2, “Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.”

Proverbs 10:19, “In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise.”

Proverbs 17:28, “Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.”

Ecclesiastes 5:2, “Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.”

THINK - Think before you speak acrostic

T – Is it true?

H – Is it helpful?

I – Is it inspiring?

N – Is it necessary?

K – Is it kind?

Psalm 39:1, “I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.”

Psalm 141:3, “Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.”

Romans 13:13-14, "Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof."

Our emotions can cause us to speak before thinking.

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS IN VERSE:

Rioting(Reveling) – Feasting with noisy merriment; carousing

Drunkenness – Intoxication; Inebriation; a state in which a person is overwhelmed or overpowered with spirituous liquors, so that his reason is disordered, and he reels or staggers in walking. Drunkenness renders some persons stupid, others gay, others sullen, others furious.

- *Passion is the drunkenness of the mind. Overindulging in any worldly pleasure can cause your senses to overwhelm and overpower you.*

Chambering – Wanton, lewd, immodest behavior.

- *Chasing after the desires of the flesh will also cause our mind to rest upon immodest thoughts and behavior which will lead us to begin talking like the world.*

Wantonness – Gaiety; Frolicsomeness; Negligence of restraint.

- *Have you ever been so happy or giddy that you let down your guard and say words without thinking?*

Titus 2:12, "Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world."

Whether our emotions are happy, sad, angry, disappointed, etc. if they are in control then our mouth will be controlled by our flesh.

When I am hasty in my words, I become like a puppet in the hand of the devil speaking harmful words that hurt the cause of Christ.

