

## Guarding Our Speech

Proverbs 18:21  
12:25  
15:4  
16:24  
25:11  
25:20

James 3:5-6

Hebrews 10:24-25  
"To stir up, to provoke, to incite in a given direction"  
Keep pressing on

Proverbs 25:23  
Timely  
Shallow word – can be insincere

Proverbs 18:21  
Shallow words – do nothing  
Death words – kill - Inherit business – ruin it  
Life words – Encourage Eph 4:29

Shared life in Christ

1. Be slow to speak – Prov 12:18; 13:3; 17:27-28; 29:20
2. Be sensitive in your speech
3. Be gentle in your speech
  - Aware of the context
  - Aware of the person – cruel jesting hurts

"Humor in current time is often sarcastic, derisive, and critical." Matt 12:34

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