
*The Words of the Wise
Proverbs 17:27–28
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- I. The wise show restraint in their use of words. Proverbs 10:19, 17:27–28

- II. Slow to issue hasty judgments. Proverbs 29:20

- III. Words have power to destroy. Proverbs 12:18, 18:21

- IV. Destruction through gossip and slander. Proverbs 26:20, 22

- V. The boomerang effect. Proverbs 12:13, 14

- VI. What about swearing? James 3:8–9; Ephesians 4:29; Psalms 35:28

- VII. Words have mighty power to bless. Proverbs 12:18, 18:21, 15:4, 16:24

Questions for reflection:

- *In what sense do words have the power of “death and life?”*
- *Can you think of an occasion when someone’s words made a powerful impact on you for good or ill?*
- *What are some ingredients of encouraging speech?*
- *What would make you a better encourager?*