

The MBC Weekly

Don't Be A Fool!

The fool is always in a fight! The fool always thinks it his responsibility to make all the wrongs right! Don't do that, the Old Testament book of Proverbs says! Instead, wisdom waits on God to right all the wrongs! So, don't be quick to open your mouth and speak! I used to be the one that always had to speak first! It's still something I have to constantly work on! But, I had a friend many years ago that rebuked me. *"Don't give someone a piece of your mind,"* he said, *"that you can't afford to lose."* Someone also gave me some great advice when they shared, with me, the "3-Second Rule." Before you speak, wait 3 seconds. You'll be amazed what you WON'T say if you just wait and think about it for 3 seconds. That one's kept me from saying a lot of things that would've got me in trouble. The best admonition of all comes from God's word: *"Be slow to speak."* Simple and direct! The book of Proverbs includes several verses that echo that refrain. *"When there are many words, sin is unavoidable, but the one who controls his lips is wise"* (10:19). And, *"The one who guards his mouth protects his life; the one who opens his lips invites his own ruin"* (13:3). Wow! Opening your mouth too quickly can mean life or death! *"Even a fool is considered wise when he keeps silent"* (17:28). That reminds me of the old saying: *"It's better to be silent & be thought a fool*

Be A Blessing

And, God wants us to be a blessing to others with those things He blesses us with. *"The one who oppresses the poor person insults his Maker, but one who is kind to the needy honors Him"* (14:31). Isn't that interesting? It's an insult to God when we're guilty of oppressing the poor; but, we honor God when we care for the needy! *"A generous person will be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor"* (22:9). This is just one of many ways that God's word teaches us to encourage others! And, wisdom teaches us to also be an encourager. We live in a day of severe criticism & tearing down everyone that disagrees with us about something. This world is just saturated with anxiety! We need to be difference-makers in this world, church! *"Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, but a good word cheers it up"* (12:25) *"The tongue that heals is a tree of life"* (15:4). Be wise! Be an encourager! Be that tree of life! Use your God-given gifts to bless others!

than to open your mouth & remove all doubt." Rather than being filled with pride & speaking your mind, it's better to be humble & God-directed. Make no mistake, if you're full of pride, it will show up in your speech & God says He's against you! Again, wisdom from Proverbs: *"Everyone with a proud heart is detestable to the Lord; be assured, he will not go unpunished"* (16:5); *"The Lord destroys the house of the proud"* (15:25). Let's talk about that a minute! Why does God hate pride? Because, ultimately, pride is taking personal credit for something that God gave you! *"What do you have,"* the Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 4:7, *"that you did not receive."* In other words, what do you have that you can personally take credit for? What do you have that you didn't receive from God? Your looks? Intelligence? Your job & its income? Your talents & gifts? Every one of those things you received from God. Taking pride in yourself & even having self-confidence is part of the wisdom of the world! There is no wisdom in pride or self-confidence! Wisdom is found in those whose confidence is in the Lord: *"I have instructed you today—even you—so that your confidence may be in the Lord"* (Proverbs 22:19). When you're complimented for anything, you need to redirect all praise to God! And, then, the wisdom of Proverbs teaches us to be generous for the same reason it's wise to be humble! Because all of our finances were also given to us by God.

"Greeting Team"

For Sunday, May 30

Remember: Meet in the coat room @ **10:30 am** for brief prayer & then go "welcome" people! NOTE: Keep an eye on the auditorium for those who slipped past!

Greeters this week:

IT'S A 5TH SUNDAY!

EVERYONE'S A GREETER!

- 1st— Erickson Thursday PM:
Jen Hagler Thursday PM
- 2nd— Terry Embke Sunday Night;
- 3rd—Randy Ehlers Sunday Night;
Donna Ehlers Monday Morning
- 4th—Curt Mastbergen Sunday Noon;
Tackett Sunday Night

Small Groups @ MBC

**Seek To Balance Worship,
Study In The Word,
Fellowship, Prayer
And Witnessing**

-Guide To: Small Group Ministry @ MBC

Announcements

1. Are You Discipling Someone?
Consider using the book Need To Know by Gary Miller
2. Looking For A Good Study?
Try "How To Fight Racism"
by Jemar Tisby on
www.rightnowmedia.org