

Godly Living: Words

Psalm 19:14 (GW) May the words from my mouth and the thoughts from my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my defender.

1. Hear the tone of what you say

Psalm 64:3 (GW) They sharpen their tongues like swords. They aim bitter words like arrows to shoot at innocent people from their hiding places.

Psalm 94:9 (GW) God created ears. Do you think he can't hear? He formed eyes. Do you think he can't see?

Proverbs 18:7-8 (GW) A fool's mouth is his ruin. His lips are a trap to his soul. **(8)** The words of a gossip are swallowed greedily, and they go down into a person's innermost being.

2. Collect your thoughts before you speak

Proverbs 23:9 (NIV) Do not speak to a fool, for he will scorn the wisdom of your words.

James 1:19 (Msg) Lead with your ears, follow up with your tongue, and let anger straggle along in the rear.

Psalm 39:3 (NIV) "I will watch my ways and keep my tongue from sin; I will put a muzzle on my mouth."

Psalm 49:3 (GW) My mouth will speak wise sayings, the insights I have carefully considered.

James 1:5 (GW) If any of you needs wisdom to know what you should do, you should ask God, and he will give it to you. God is generous to everyone and doesn't find fault with them.

Proverbs 15:28 (NLT) The heart of the godly thinks carefully before speaking;

3. Be an encourager

Proverbs 12:25 (Msg) Worry weighs us down; a cheerful word picks us up.

Proverbs 22:11(NCV) Whoever loves pure thoughts and kind words will have even the king as a friend.

Hebrews 3:13 (GW) Encourage each other every day while you have the opportunity. If you do this, none of you will be deceived by sin and become stubborn. **(14)** After all, we will remain Christ's partners only if we continue to hold on to our original confidence until the end.

2 Thessalonians 2:16 -17(NIV) May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, **(17)** encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.