



Announcements:

- July 9- White River Kayaking Trip
- August 5- Mini Golfing
- August 20- IUPUI Move-In Day



Lesson 14:

Think Before You Speak: A Lesson on Speech¹

Put on Constructive Speech.

- Constructive speech builds up others.
 - By revealing a pure heart (Prov. 10:20; 15:26; 16:23).
 - By providing spiritual life (Prov. 10:11; 15:4).
 - By giving wisdom to others (Prov. 10:21, 31; 15:7; 18:4).
- Constructive speech is helpful.
 - It encourages (Prov. 12:18, 25; 16:24).
 - It promotes peace (Prov. 15:1).
 - It teaches (Prov. 16:21).
 - It is patiently persuasive (25:15).
 - It produces joy (Prov. 15:23; 25:11).
- Constructive speech is rewarding.
 - Bringing respect from others (Prov. 16:13; 24:26).
 - Bringing personal satisfaction (Prov. 12:14; 13:2; 18:20).
- Constructive speech is God-given (Prov. 16:1, 10).

Put on Controlled Speech.

- The wise can control His tongue.
 - He knows what to say (Prov. 10:32).
 - He knows how to say it (Prov. 15:2, 28).
 - He knows when to shut up (Prov. 11:12; 12:23; 17:28; 29:11).
 - He stays out of trouble (Prov. 13:3; 14:3; 21:23).
- Tips to controlling your tongue.
 - Don't speak prematurely (Prov. 18:13; 29:20).
 - Don't speak too frequently (Prov. 10:19; 14:23; 17:27).
 - Don't speak inappropriately.

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- Boasting (Prov. 20:6; 25:14; 27:1-2)
- Critical (Prov. 25:23; 30:10)
- Thoughtless (Prov. 27:14)
- Impersonal (Prov. 25:9-10)

Put on Correct Speech.

- Truthful speech is a command from God (Prov. 3:3-4; 6:16-19; 12:22).
- Truthful speech is a spiritual indicator (Prov. 10:18; 12:17; 13:5; 14: 5, 25).
- Truthful speech is deeply impactful (Prov. 19:22; 21:6; 25:18; 29:12).
- Truthful speech will win in the end (Prov. 12:19; 19:5, 9; 22:28)
- Truthful speech is a willful choice (Prov. 24:28; 30:8-9).

Put off Corrupt Speech.

- Corrupt speech is incredibly destructive (Prov. 12:6; 16:27; 18:21).
- Gossip destroys relationships.
 - It ruins friendships (Prov. 16:28; 17:9).
 - It causes strife (Prov. 26:20).
 - It betrays confidence (Prov. 11:13; 20:19).
 - It wounds deeply (Prov. 18:8; 26:22).
- Flattery fools the gullible (Prov. 2:16, 18; 6:24; 7:21; 29:5, 28).
- Hypocrites speak to destroy others (Prov. 11:9; 26:23-25).
- Perverse speech is (1) hated by God (Prov. 8:13) and (2) hurts the speaker (Prov. 17:20).
- Put off corrupt speech (Prov. 4:24; 19:1).



Prayer

Scripture: Death and life are in the power of the tongue:
And they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.
Proverbs 18:21

Single Focus/Cross Impact Requests:

- Cross Impact
 - Our members church-connectedness and growth in the summer time
 - Preparations for Next Fall
- Single Focus
 - College Students coming home
 - Integrating High School Seniors
 - Upcoming events (Kayaking, mini golf, etc.)
- Purdue Cross Impact Effort
 - 12 total students over 10 meetings
 - Chartering now
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Specific Requests:

- Dornbirers' dad with radiation and eating problems.
- Ryon's dad with medical difficulties
- John Barfield in Lebanon
- Jack and Kendall Elms in military training/service
- Henry's unsaved friend Jeff
- John West's heart surgery recovery
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