

## Topics in Proverbs

### I. Skills in Godly Speech - Pt 1

#### A. The Connection between the Heart and the Mouth

##### 1. The Heart

- a. OT - *leb* - the heart; also used very widely for the feelings, the will and even the intellect; likewise for the center of anything.
- b. NT - *kardia* - the heart, the thoughts or feelings (mind).

##### 2. It's Condition

##### a. OT Teaching

- i. Unknowable, deceitful, desperately wicked - Jer 17:9
- ii. Only Evil Continually - Ge 6:5
- iii. New Covenant Needed
  - Jer 31:31-34 law written on their heart
  - Ez 36:25-27 give a new heart, a heart of flesh

##### b. NT Teaching

- i. Sin starts in the heart - Mt 5:28; 2Pe 2:14
- ii. The state of the heart determines how a person behaves - Mt 12:34-35
- iii. Can grow dull - Mt 13:15; be hardened - Mr 6:52 can be far from God - Mt 15:8; Mr 7:6; 8:17
- iv. Where a person believes or disbelieves - Mr 11:23; 16:14; Lu 24:25; Ac 8:37; Ro 10:9-10; Heb 3:12; 10:22
- v. God can open or harden a heart - Ac 16:14; Ro 1:21; 2 Co 3:15; Eph 4:18

##### 3. The Mouth speaks from the heart - Mt 12:34-35; 15:18-19; Mr 7:21; 11:23

##### 4. The importance of Guarding your heart - Pr 4:23

#### B. The Connection between the Tongue and Wisdom

##### 1. The Basic Truth about our tongue

- a. The one area where all fail - Jas 3:2
- b. A small member that can do great damage - Jas 3:3-8
- c. Proof of our doublemindedness - Jas 3:9-12

##### 2. Wisdom, The Heart, and the Tongue - Jas 3:13-18

- a. Wisdom is shown by works with the right heart attitude - 13; Jas 1:21; 2:18
- b. The wrong heart attitude is shown by works by fleshliness - 14-16

- i. bitter envy and self seeking - Ro 13:13
- ii. Unwillingness to deal with truth about one's heart situation - Ro 2:17-23
- iii. Earthly, sensual, demonic wisdom - foolishness - Phil 3:19; Jd 19
- iv. Produces confusion and evil - 1Co 3:3; Ga 5:20

##### c. God's wisdom described - 17

- i. pure - *hagnos* - clean, innocent, modest, perfect:--chaste, clean, pure.
- ii. Peaceable - salutary - produces a beneficial effect:--peaceable.
- iii. Gentle - appropriate, mild:--gentle, moderation, patient.

- iv. willing to yield - good for persuasion, complaint:--easy to be intreated.
- v. full of mercy and good fruits - compassion, mercy.
- vi. without partiality - undistinguished, impartial.
- vii. without hypocrisy - undissembled, sincere:--without dissimulation - concealment of one's thoughts, feelings, or character—(hypocrisy), unfeigned - genuine; sincere. - Ro 12:9; 1Pe 2:1; 1Jo 3:18

c. The Results of Wisdom - 18

- i. the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace - 2 Co 9:10; Phil 1:11; Heb 12:11
- ii. by those who make peace. - Mt 5:9;