

Proverbs 23:9 (Family Worship lesson in “the Proverb of the day”)

“Don't Speak in the Hearing of a Fool”

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⁹ Do not speak in the hearing of a fool,
For he will despise the wisdom of your words.

Pastor leads his family in a verse from “the Proverb of the day.” In this Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that how our words are likely to be received is a factor in considering whether to speak them—particularly that if we are with or near a fool, it is better to keep our mouth shut.

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Proverbs 23 verse 9. These are the words of God. Do not speak in the hearing of a fool for. He will despise the wisdom of your words.

So far the words of God.

So, we have here, another proverb about speech, we have here, another proverb of speech do not speak in the hearing of a fool for. He will despise the wisdom of your words. And as often with these proverbs about speech, it follows the think before you speak pattern, is it true?

Is it helpful? Is it important? Is it necessary? And is it kind? And this one, especially on the. Is it in? Is it helpful? And is it necessary? There are many things that you can say to someone who's a fool that are true, and even important, and even kind because you want him to stop being a fool and you love him.

But if you have reasonable expectation, whether from his proven character or past experience that he despises the words or the wisdom of it, that all he wants to do is argue or that he, you know, might smile and nod and agree and you feel like you had a really good conversation and he doesn't change his mind goes out and does the same things.

Speaks the same way he come back and you're having the same conversation again a couple weeks later. He's forgotten how convincing the Bible was that at some point, you realized. Oh, now to actually benefiting by, or taking the heart, the wisdom of these words. So, there's something on the helpful side.

But there's also something important on the necessary side. And that is, unless you've been put in the office of teaching him, for instance, as has elder, or maybe one of these fools is your children, which, you know, don't mean to be in a fence to any of you. But the Bible says fall is bound up and art of a child parenting, and many respects is full training.

It's one of the reasons why we don't like to have as the companions of our children, other children, so much prefer. Why is adults to be companions? Because he who walks the wise will be wise, but the companion of fools offers are, which means that one of the ways that you obey this verse, do not speak in the hearing of a fool for, he will despise the wisdom of your words.

Is that you hold your tongue most of all around other children? Down to allow your mouth to just run constantly. Vast majority of what it occurs to you. That you could say, in life is something you don't need to say, especially if you are not required by God, to be there instructor.

I had a very good question from someone yesterday. There's a young person that has a friend, who's in a situation with a friend is being foolish. Although not, you know, overtly transgressing and they wanted to know it Mac, you 18 applied and that situation. Do they need to go into all their friend, their fault and start the process of Matthew 18?

Well, it was a situation. I told him that actually Matthew 7, is more of the place that it applies where, and the first of all, in your attitudes towards, then you want to extend as much grace as possible. But second of all, we have instruction there from the Lord Jesus, not to cast pearls before swine.

He wasn't calling his friend, a dirty hog. I was just pointing out that the Lord Jesus teaches us, the heart of wisdom is recognizing whether the person you're talking to is likely to appreciate the value of what you're telling them. And that is in keeping with our verse here, do not speak in the hearing of a fool for, he will despise the wisdom of your words.

Much of our speech is unnecessary and especially if it's someone you've you can reasonably expect is

not going to appreciate the value of what you're saying, then it becomes unhelpful as well and it fails to think before you speak test, one more situation that you need to think about in this is that sometimes you have something to say to someone that is, as far as that particular, individual is concerned.

True helpful, important, necessary kind, but it's not absolutely necessary that you do it at that time. And there's somebody else within hearing for whom, you know, that because of the way they respond to you and biblical truth on your lips that they tend to be provoked in the opposite direction and it can be part of love to them.

That you desire that if they hear that truth, it comes from someone that they are more likely to accept it from. And so even though the friend that you're thinking about it would be true. Helpful, important necessary kind for them? You wait until another time when this other person who despises wisdom is, not around because you don't want to speak in a way that may be harmful to them.

Again, Proverbs 23 verse 9. Do not speak in the hearing of a fool for. He will despise the wisdom of your words. There are some things for instance, that your mom and I won't say to each other except for and private or to you in the presence of other people.

Just because we're taking into account, not only the person we're directly speaking to, which you also need to take into account the other person who other people who are around at me here there's a lot to be considered isn't there to apply biblical wisdom to Godly speech. So we're grateful to God forgiving us so much, instruction about it in his word but great his Holy Spirit would help us with our comments.

Our father in heaven, we praise you for you, our God who cannot lie, your word is, pure, your word is powerful and you use it in perfectly. I'm afraid that you would help us and our use of words. Thank you for making us people who make communicate by speech, as part of being in your image.

Pray. Lord for my children. I thank you for Christ who perfectly used his mouth, even in his even in his humanity and I pray for each of my children that you would grant to them by faith in Jesus to have his righteousness, counted for them that they might never have to fear the eternal punishment that sinful speech deserves, knowing that Christ just taken it on himself, but I pray, Lord also, that you would stir up their love for their savior, that they would want to imitate him and serve him and bring him, praise with how they use.

His their words, help them Lord, to obey, this particular verse to develop the skill and anticipating the effects of their words. Not only on the person, they're directly speaking to you, but also to others who might be within hearing and Lord, would you pray for? Not only for ourselves that we would have wisdom and using words.

But we pray Lord for those two whom we speak and around himly speak. Give us favor and their eyes that we might be the more enabled to do them. Good unto your glory grant that whenever we speak poorly or erroneously, it would blow away like, chaff grant that whenever we speak.

Well, and in accord with your word that your spirit would make it take root and would use it to build or others and sisters up in Christ. And to bring into the kingdom, those who are currently without hope. And without God in the world, no Lords. We feel very much our weakness and our foolishness in this area of speaking, even as your Word says that if we were able to control, well, our tongues, we would be perfect people.

And so give us this part of our maturing in Christ. We ask that we would have righteous and wise speech for we ask it through Jesus. Amen.