**Knowing When, What & How To Speak**

**Ecclesiasticus 19:6** **He that can rule his tongue shall live without strife; and he that hateth babbling shall have less evil.**

(Controlling your tongue avoids strife and problems. Hate NOT controlling your mouth.)

**:7 Rehearse not unto another that which is told unto thee, and thou shalt fare never the worse.**

**:8 Whether it be to friend or foe, talk not of other men's lives; and if thou canst without offence, reveal them not. (If you cannot speak of a person without insulting or offending them, don’t talk about them.)**

**:10 If thou hast heard a word, let it die with thee; and be bold, it will not burst thee.**

**:11 A fool travaileth with a word, as a woman in labour of a child.**

(If you hear gossip, keep it to yourself.)

**Colossians 4:5** **Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.**

**:6 Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.**

(Walk in wisdom to those not yet in the faith, even those that are rude. Speak wholesome things, always saying the right words, and even hold back from responding at times.)

**IIPeter 3:10** **But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.**

(Judgment Day is FAST approaching, when NONE will escape.)

**:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,**

(Holy conversation, speak blameless words in humility and wisdom.)

**IPeter 4:11** **If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.**

(If you are going to speak about the LORD or the bible, learn before you speak and learn the truth, which has NOTHING to do with religion, christianity and ANY other traditions of men. The TRUTH is also NOT an Israelite group, but the Messiah Jesus Christ, according to **John 14:6**.)

**James 3:13** **Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.**

(If we are truly blessed of the Heavenly Father with knowledge, or a member of a church or organization which does contain the Heavenly Father ‘s spirit, their conversations, actions and words will reflect the truth, and their wisdom will be demonstrated in meekness and humility, NO EXCEPTIONS.)

**Ecclesiastes 8:5** **Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment.**

(Keeping the law eventually makes us wise enough to discern the right time to speak, what to speak and how to judge good from evil.)

**:6** **Because to every purpose there is time and judgment, therefore the misery of man is great upon him.** (EVERY action revolves around time and judgment, which is why life on earth is so hard! Doing or saying the wrong thing and not keeping the LORD’S commandments causes great misery.)

**Ecclesiasticus 22:22** **If thou hast opened thy mouth against thy friend, fear not; for there may be a reconciliation: except for upbraiding, or pride, or disclosing of secrets, or a treacherous wound: for for these things every friend will depart.**

(Careful what you do or say to a friend. Some words may be forgiven, but some words and actions will end friendships, such as dishonesty, being untrustworthy, being prideful: has many forms; Also: Upbraiding – to find fault with, to reproach (bring shame or cause to disgrace to); to charge with something wrong or disgraceful; falsely accuse.

**Proverbs 11:12** **He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.** (A person without understanding hates their brother when they are offended, but a man or woman of understanding controls their tongue and emotions)

**:13** **A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.**

(A talebearer or gossiper shares secret things, but a loyal friend conceals a friend’s personal business.)

**Leviticus 19:16** **Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour; I am the LORD.** (We are NOT to be gossipers, or spread information that we hear or is alleged, neither bear false witness or share info because we heard it)

**Ecclesiasticus 21:28** **A whisperer defileth his own soul, and is hated wheresoever he dwelleth.** (If you are a gossiper, you will be hated and despised wherever you go. Keep your mouth closed, don’t gossip!)

**Proverbs 17:28** **Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.** (Even a wicked man is perceived to be wise if he is quiet, and when we control our mouths, we are correctly considered a man or woman of understanding.)

**Ecclesiasticus 21:25** **The lips of talkers will be telling such things as pertain not unto them: but the words of such as have understanding are weighed in the balance.** (A gossiper is known because they are ALWAYS running their mouth about other people’s lives and business: but those of understanding know when, what and how to speak.)

**:26** **The heart of fools is in their mouth: but the mouth of the wise is in their heart**. (A wicked or foolish man speak all that’s in their mind without control, but a wise person thinks before they speak.)

**Proverbs 23:9** **Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words**. (Don’t waste your time speaking to a fool or proud wicked person: for he or she will hate the wisdom you share.)

**Ecclesisticus 32:7** **Speak, young man, if there be need of thee: and yet scarcely when thou art twice asked.** (Do NOT look to exalt yourself with many spoken words: speak just enough to be understood)

**:8** **Let thy speech be short, comprehending much in few words; be as one that knoweth and yet holdeth his tongue.**

(Speak & make the listener crave more. Give understanding with the least words necessary)

**:9** **If thou be among great men, make not thyself equal with them; and when ancient men are in place, use not many words.** (If you are among bosses, or those of more elite status, and more experience in wisdom, DO NOT try to prove your own wisdom or intelligence, SHUT your mouth and apply wisdom!)

**Ecclesiastes 10:12** **The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself**. (A wise man’s words are graceful and well received, but a fool through words destroys himself)

**:13** **The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the end of his talk is mischievous madness.** (There is absence of wisdom or understanding in a fool’s speech and words)

**:14** **A fool also is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him?** (A wicked or foolish man does not stop talking, no one can predict what foolish thing they will say, nor will he or she give others a chance to speak.)

**Ecclesiasticus 20:18** **To slip upon a pavement is better than to slip with the tongue: so the fall of the wicked shall come speedily.** (Better to slip on jagged cement than with our tongues: and by slipping with their tongues fools or wicked men will fall quickly.)

**:27** **A wise man shall promote himself to honour with his words: and he that hath understanding will please great men.** (A wise man is honored based upon his words: and is well received by great men)

**Ecclesiasticus 20:5** **There is one that keepeth silence, and is found wise: and another by much babbling becometh hateful.** (Knowing when to speak is also wisdom, but just speaking or teaching without discerning how and when, will make you despised.)

**:6** **Some man holdeth his tongue, because he hath not to answer: and some keepeth silence, knowing his time.** (There are two types of silence: one is due to ignorance, and one is to await the right time.)

**:7** **A wise man will hold his tongue till he see opportunity: but a babbler and a fool will regard no time.** (A wise man doesn’t just speak right away even when he knows the answer, but a fool considers nothing.)

**Ecclesiasticus 27:7** **Praise no man before thou hearest him speak; for this is the trial of men.** (Don’t be eager to compliment and give credit to a person, but instead listen and evaluate their words carefully)

**:11** **The discourse of a godly man is always with wisdom; but a fool changeth as the moon.** (a wise good man’s conversation is always with wisdom & he enlightens; but a fool’s speech is always nonsense)

**:12** **If thou be among the indiscreet, observe the time; but be continually among men of understanding.** (When we are among wicked people or those lacking in discretion, keep the interaction very brief; but look to be in the company or communication with those that have understanding.)

**Ecclesiasticus 33:4** **Prepare what to say, and so thou shalt be heard: and bind up instruction, and then make answer.** (Think before you speak and people will give audience to your words: gather the LORD’S words together on paper and in your thoughts, and pray silently/secretly, then respond to people.)

**Ecclesiasticus 32:3** **Speak, thou that art the elder, for it becometh thee, but with sound judgment; and hinder not musick.** (If you have experience and wisdom speak, with pure understanding. And know where and when to speak, and do NOT interrupt music or others inappropriately.)

**:4** **Pour not out words where there is a musician, and shew not forth wisdom out of time**. (Know when, how and where to speak. Only fools try to speak knowledge in the wrong way or at the wrong time.)

**Proverbs 26:28** **A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.**

(If you lie, you are showing hatred to whomever you lie; giving insincere words or false compliments brings ruin to those to which you speak. Be true and honest when you speak.)

The more we apply and speak the Heavenly Father’s words of the bible, the better off we will be. Think before you speak, even if you think you know an answer, or when you want to give advice and be helpful. Pride and traditions of men will ruin any words or intentions we have of helping others. Don’t lie, which also occurs if you teach the bible or scriptures incorrectly. Learn before you speak!

The Heavenly Father and our ONLY Savior Jesus Christ be praised forever and ever!

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