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For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is mature, able also to control the whole body. 3 Now if we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we direct their whole bodies. 4 And consider ships: Though very large and driven by fierce winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5 So too, though the tongue is a small part of the body, it boasts great things. Consider how a small fire sets ablaze a large forest. 6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue, a world of unrighteousness, is placed among our members. It stains the whole body, sets the course of life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. 7 Every kind of animal, bird, reptile, and fish is tamed and has been tamed by humankind, 8 but no one can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With the tongue we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in God's likeness. 10 Blessing and cursing come out of the same mouth. My brothers and sisters, these things should not be this way. 11 Does a spring pour out sweet and bitter water from the same opening? 12 Can a fig tree produce olives, my brothers and sisters, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a saltwater spring yield fresh water. (James 3:1-12 CSB)

A gossip goes around revealing a secret,
but a trustworthy person keeps a confidence. (Colossians 3:8 CSB)

No foul language should come from your mouth, but only what is good for building up someone in need, so that it gives grace to those who hear. (Ephesians 4:29 CSB)

Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
and those who love it will eat its fruit. (Proverbs 18:21 CSB)

A gentle answer turns away anger,
but a harsh word stirs up wrath. (Proverbs 15:1 CSB)

My dear brothers and sisters, understand this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger. (James 1:19 CSB)

There is one who speaks rashly, like a piercing sword; but the tongue of the wise brings healing. (Proverbs 12:18 CSB)

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person. (Colossians 4:6 CSB)

The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life... (Proverbs 10:11a CSB)

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...whoever spreads slander is a fool. (Proverbs 10:18b CSB)

When there are many words, sin is unavoidable,
but the one who controls his lips is prudent. (Proverbs 10:19 CSB)

Wisdom is found on the lips of the discerning,... (Proverbs 10:13a CSB)

The tongue of the righteous is pure silver;
the heart of the wicked is of little value. (Proverbs 10:20 CSB)

The lips of the righteous feed many... (Proverbs 10:21a CSB)

The one who guards his mouth protects his life;
the one who opens his lips invites his own ruin. (Proverbs 13:3 CSB)

The tongue that heals is a tree of life,
but a devious tongue breaks the spirit. (Proverbs 15:4 CSB)

The one who guards his mouth and tongue keeps himself out of trouble. (Proverbs 21:23 CSB)

A worthless person, a wicked man goes around speaking dishonestly (Proverbs 6:12 CSB)

For I will then restore pure speech to the peoples so that all of them may call
on the name of the Lord and serve him with a single purpose. (Zephaniah 3:9 CSB)

I said, "I will guard my ways so that I may not sin with my tongue; (Psalm 39:1a CSB)

Do not go about spreading slander among your people; (Leviticus 19:16 CSB)

For my mouth tells the truth,
and wickedness is detestable to my lips. (Proverbs 8:7 CSB)

To fear the Lord is to hate evil.
I hate arrogant pride, evil conduct, and perverse speech. (Proverbs 8:13 CSB)

[Jesus said] For the mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart. (Matthew 12:34c CSB)