



What Does Wisdom Say? Part 5

Wise Guy and His Tongue

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A MAN'S WISDOM IS KNOWN BY WHAT HE SAYS.

James 3:5-12 (NT Proverbs)

TONGUE FACTS:

- Though small, it is big-time dangerous.
- It is a fire that defiles the whole body.
- It is set on fire by hell.
- It cannot be tamed.
- It is the most hypocritical organ we have.
- We curse and praise God with it.
- It is an unruly evil.

James 1:19-20 *So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*

Wise Guy Advice:

Wait as long as you can to say as little as possible.

- Suggestion: A wise guy reduces his words.
Proverbs 10:19

- Insight: A wise guy responds to evil softly, a fool does not. Proverbs 15:1-2
- Insight: A wise guy can control his temper, a fool expresses all his feelings. Proverbs 29:11
- Insight: A wise guy can control his words, a fool says everything he thinks. Proverbs 29:20
- Suggestion: A wise guy knows how to appear wiser than he really is, a fool exposes his foolishness.
Proverbs 17:27-28
- Warning: A wise guy listens to all the facts before he offers an opinion, a fool jumps to conclusions.
Proverbs 18:13
- Suggestion: A wise guy studies before he responds, a fool does not. Proverbs 15:28
- Suggestion: A wise guy's answers are by faith, a fool answers by his flesh. Proverbs 16:1
- *For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.*
Matt 12:34b