

The Way of the Wise

Wise Words Encourage – Proverbs 10 & 18 (page 532)

We all know from experience that our words hold incredible power—power to build up or break down, to heal or to harm. Today, we will be reminded that the words we speak shape our lives, and we are invited to walk the *Way of the Wise* with words that encourage and speak life.

Two Paths of Speech (18:21)

The Way of Wise Words

Gentle (15:1, 25:15, 15:4)

Does my speech reflect the gentle “tree of life” that breathes life and healing, or does it break spirits through harshness?

Truthful (12:17, 27:5-6)

Am I more prone to speak truth without love, or love without truth—and what does that reveal about my heart?

Discerning (26:4-5)

Does this conversation advance the gospel or serve my ego, group, or need to win? If I respond, will it reflect God’s wisdom in both style and substance?

Right (10:32, 15:23, 10:19, 31:8-9)

Are my words aligned with God’s heart—truthful, timely, measured, and just—or are they driven by personal agenda or emotional reaction?

How Our Words Become Wise (16:23)

Reflection and Action: As you reflect on the questions above, what does it look like for you to pursue wise words this week?

