



Proverbs: Destructive Communication

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Avoid foolish communication habits
that tear down or don't build up

Be aware of non-verbal communication

- **Winking to deceive, pursing lips or a countenance showing anger (10:10; 16:30; 25:23)**
- **Undivided attention, silence expresses discernment, a cheerful face and bright eyes display joy (4:25; 11:12; 15:13, 30)**

- 1) Put off bad habits and replace them with good ones**
- 2) Don't use body language to manipulate others**
- 3) Be truthful with body language so you convey what you feel (Eph 4:15, 25)**

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These are heart issues

“The heart of the problem is that the heart is the problem!”

(Prov 22:15; 12:23; Mt 12:34)

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The evil way turns God's way upside down

“Perverse” = upside down, error is presented as truth

(Prov 10:31-32; 11:20; 15:4 1 Cor 6:11)

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**Deceptive speech (lies, slander, gossip)
perverts the truth, doing great harm**

(Prov 12:22; 14:5, 25; 18:8; 25:18; 26:18-19)

Proverbs 20:19

- Synonymous
- Draws conclusion

- 1) He who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets
- 2) Therefore do not associate with one of loose lips

- He who goes about
- As a slanderer
- Reveals
- Secrets

Therefore

- [Person] of loose lips
- Do not associate with
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The gossip is equated with the slanderer!

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**Unrestrained speech does enormous
damage**

(Prov 12:16; 29:11; Gal 5:23; 12:18)

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**Harsh, angry, divisive, corrupting
words burn like fire**

(Prov 15:1; 26:20-21; 16:27-28; 11:9; 18:7; 19:3)

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**Nagging and contentious speech make
a home intolerable**

“Contentious” = unleashing anger, “Vexing” =
provokes someone to incite them (21:19)

(Prov 19:13; 21:9, 19; 27:15-16)

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To love quarreling is to love sin

➤ You “love” to quarrel when that seems to be
your “go-to” (you quarrel often)

(Prov 17:19; 20:3)

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**Flattery is manipulation and thus
deceptive**

(Prov 29:5)

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**Too many words open many doors for
sin**

(Prov 18:2; 10:8, 10, 14, 19)

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**Not being a good listener brings
shame**

(Prov 18:13; 1:7, 30; 15:5)

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**Not listening to both sides of a
conflict means you only have part of
the truth**

(Prov 18:17)