

Proverbs Chapters 15 – 19

Contrasting the Righteous and the Wicked/Life and Conduct

The Godly Tongue

- More precious than gold or silver Prov 10:20
- Beautiful and a tree of life Prov 15:4
- Refreshing well of water Prov 18:4
- Medicine to the soul and body Prov 12:18
- Speaks peace Prov 15:1,2
- Give correction to those who err Prov 15:12
- Delivers souls from death Prov 14:3

The Ungodly Tongue

- **Talebearing** Prov 18:8
 - Destroys friendships
 - Kindles fires
 - Abounds in hearsay
- **Lying** Prov 12:17-22
 - God hates it
 - Its deceitful
 - Will be punished
 - Will be judged eternally (Rev 22:15)
- **Talking Too Much** Prov 18:6-7
 - Too many words lead to sin
 - Leads to poverty and foolishness
 - Few words are normally better – listen more speak less
- **Talking Too Soon** Prov 18:13, 17
 - Be slow to speak; quick to listen
 - Restrained lips are wise
 - Godly people study an answer – fools just respond
- **Flattery** Prov 26:28
 - Insincere praise with false motives
 - Works ruin
 - Is a form of lying
 - Kisses of an enemy are cruel
 - Can cause people to be proud, puffed up, conceited
- **Quarreling** Prov 26:28
 - Causes unrighteous anger
 - Adds fuel to the fire
 - Lack of self-control

Abominations in Proverbs

Prov 6:16ff There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to him:

1. Haughty eyes
2. A lying tongue
3. A heart that devises wicked plans
4. Feet that make haste to run to evil
5. A false witness who breathes out lies
6. One who sows discord among brothers
7. One who sheds innocent blood

- Prov 11:1 A false balance
- Prov 11:20 A crooked heart
- Prov 15:8 The sacrifice of the wicked
- Prov 15:9 The way of the wicked
- Prov 15:26 The thoughts of the wicked
- Prov 16:12 For Kings to do evil
- Prov 17:15 To justify wickedness
- Prov 24:9 The scoffer
- Prov 28:9 The one who turns away from the law and prays
- Prov 29:7 The unjust man

Pride

- Prov 8:13 Pride and arrogance and the evil way and perverted speech I hate
- Prov 11:2 When pride comes disgrace
- Prov 16:18 Pride come before destruction and haughty spirit before the fall
- Prov 21:14 A scoffer is arrogant and prideful
- Prov 29:23 One's pride will bring one low

The Wise – 16 references in Chapters 14-19

The Fool – 29 references in Chapters 14-19

The Heart – 22 references in Chapters 14-19

