

Proverbs

*Prologue: Purpose and Theme*  
The proverbs of Solomon son of David,  
king of Israel:  
attaining wisdom and discipline;  
understanding words of insight;  
for acquiring a disciplined and prudent  
life.

*Exhortations to Embrace Wisdom*

*Warning Against Enticement*

<sup>12</sup>How long will you simple ones<sup>b</sup> live  
in your simple ways?  
How long will mockers delight in  
mockery?  
and fools hate knowledge?  
If you had responded to my rebuke,  
I would have poured out my heart  
to you and made my thoughts known to  
you.  
But since you rejected me when I  
called  
and no one gave heed when I  
stretched out my hand,  
since you ignored all my advice,  
and would not accept my rebuke,  
in turn will laugh at your disaster.  
I will mock at your calamity.

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Stick and stones  
may break my bones,  
but words can never  
hurt me.

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How about this version?

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**“STICKS  
AND STONES  
MAY BREAK  
MY BONES  
BUT WORDS  
CAN DO  
PERMANENT  
DAMAGE.”**  
- TIM CHASTAIN

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Or this version?

“Sticks and stones  
may break my bones,  
but **words** can  
**break my heart.**”

- Colleen Patrick-Goudreau

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Or this thought-provoking version?

Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can make me think I deserved it.

Randall Munroe

quoteLanay

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Perhaps the most accurate version

Sticks and stones may break my bones, but **words can also hurt me**. Sticks and stones break only skin, while **words are ghosts that haunt me**.

Pain from words has left its scar on mind and heart that's tender. Cuts and bruises now have healed; **it's words that I remember**.

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"God, after **He spoke long ago** to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days **has spoken to us in His Son....**" Heb 1:1-2

**"In the beginning was the Word**, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**." John 1:1

**"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us**, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

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*"six things...yes, seven things"*

= a "numerical saying" in the OT: "X...X+1"

- Shows that the list, though specific, is not exhaustive
- Special emphasis is on the last one listed
- Other examples in scripture: Prov 30:15,18, 21, 29; Amos 2:1, 4, 6

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Sins related to our speech in Prov 6:16-19:

1. Haughty eyes, proud look: results in boasting
  - Prov 27:1 “Do not boast about tomorrow, **for you do not know what a day may bring forth.**”  
→concerns something over which you have no control.
  - James 4:16 “...you boast in your arrogance; **all such boasting is evil.**”
  - James 4:15 “Instead, **you ought to say, 'If the LORD wills,** we will live and also do this or that.”  
→recognizes that God is in control, not us!

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Sins related to our speech in Prov 6:16-19:

1. Haughty eyes, proud look: results in boasting
  - Prov 27:2 “**Let another praise you,** and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.”  
→By boasting, you are taking glory that rightly belongs to God.
  - I Cor 6:20 “For you have been bought with a price; therefore **glorify God in your body.**”

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Sins related to our speech in Prov 6:16-19:

1. Haughty eyes, proud look: results in boasting
2. A lying tongue & a false witness who utters lies, 6:17 & 6:19  
→dishonesty characterizes their lifestyle

John 8:44 “You are of your father the devil.... there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

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Sins related to our speech in Prov 6:16-19:

1. Haughty eyes, proud look: results in boasting
2. A lying tongue & a false witness who utters lies
3. Spreading strife among brothers (believers)  
→is “an abomination” to the LORD

**John 13:33-35** “Little children, I am with you a little while longer.... A new commandment I give to you, that you **love one another, even as I have loved you,** that you also love one another. **By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.**”

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What the NT says about our speech:

James 1:26 "If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet **does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless.**"

→controlling our tongue is a litmus test for the genuineness of our faith!

Mt 12:34 "You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? **For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.**"

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What the NT says about our speech:

### **James 3:6-18**

v.9-10 "With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. **My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.**"

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