

Series: The Proverbs Speak.

Title: The Proverbs Speak on Speaking (and listening).
various texts

1. How to Speak to Others.

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A. The right _____.

Proverbs 10:31–32 *The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut off. ³²The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked, what is perverse.*

B. The right _____.

Proverbs 10:11, 20, 21 ¹¹*The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.*
²⁰*The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; the heart of the wicked is of little worth.* ²¹*The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of sense.*

C. At the right _____.

Proverbs 11:12 *Whoever belittles his neighbor lacks sense, but a man of understanding remains silent.*

Proverbs 15:23 *To make an apt answer is a joy to a man, and a word in season, how good it is!*

Proverbs 18:13 *If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame.*

2. How to Listen to Others.

Sidebar: Why we don't.

-Because of how we _____, which generally depends on our own _____.

-Because of _____, which depends on the giver's _____.

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A. It pays to receive input from others.

1) Types of Input.

1. To _____ you.

Proverbs 12:15 *The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.*

Proverbs 13:13 *Whoever despises the word brings destruction on himself, but he who reveres the commandment will be rewarded.*

Proverbs 16:20a *Whoever gives thought to the word will discover good...*

Also see Proverbs 13:1; 19:16; 19:27

2. To _____ you.

Proverbs 10:17 *Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life, but he who rejects reproof leads others astray.*

Proverbs 17:10 *A rebuke goes deeper into a man of understanding than a hundred blows into a fool.*

Proverbs 12:1 *Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.*

Also see Proverbs 9:7-9; 13:18

2) Results of the Input.

10:17a *Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life...*

Also 13:13b; 16:20a; 19:16a

3) Avoiding the Input.

10:17b *He who rejects reproof leads others astray.*

Also 12:1b; 13:10, 13, 18; 15:10b

B. Do we have to listen to everybody?

1. Proverbs 15:12; 25:12

Question # 1 - Is this a wise person?

Consider the _____.

2. Proverbs 24:1-2

Question # 2 - What's the motivation?

Consider the _____.

3. Proverbs 15:31

Question # 3 - Is this an issue _____ enough for the correction? Consider the _____.