

Probing the Proverbs
Handout for Lesson on The Tongue
September 16, 2026

1. In the NIV, Proverb 18:21 records, “the _____ has the _____ of _____ and _____ and those that love it will eat its _____.
2. Proverb 13:21: “From the _____ of his _____ a man enjoys _____ things, but the unfaithful have a craving for _____.”
3. “He who _____ his lips, guards his _____, but he who _____ rashly will come to ruin....(death) Proverb 13:3
4. Proverb 15:4: “The _____ that brings _____ is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue _____ the spirit.”
5. “Reckless _____ pierce like a _____, but the tongue of the _____ brings healing.” Proverb 12:18
6. “But the wisdom that comes from _____ is first of all _____, then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and _____, impartial and _____. James 3:17
7. In a careful observation of these verses, it is easy to detect that _____ wisdom implies “DEATH” and _____ wisdom represents “LIFE”.
8. James told us that “if anyone is never at _____ in what he _____, he is a _____ man, able to keep his whole body in _____.” James 3:2
9. There may be times people have _____ us deeply with their _____ and have no idea they _____ us....and there may be times we have _____ someone by what we’ve said and don’t have a _____ about it.
10. as taken from James Chapter 3 verse 5, which says “the _____ is a _____ of the body, but it makes _____.”
11. Therefore, a tiny _____ can cause much _____ just as a careless _____ can _____ a person for a _____.
12. Ecclesiastes 3:7b...emphasizes there is a “_____ to be _____ and a time to _____.”
13. Proverb 12:25 states, “_____ weighs a man down, but a _____ word makes him _____.”
14. It is so _____ for us not to _____ meeting together so that we can _____ one another on and _____ one another especially as the Lord’s return draws near. Hebrews 10:24-25
15. The phrase “eat its _____” means facing the natural _____ of what we say.
16. Although the words “_____ before you _____” aren’t in the Bible verbatim, James _____ us to be _____ to _____ and _____ to _____. James 1:19
17. I truly believe that much of what we call “_____” takes place in the realm of _____.

18. Ephesians 6:12 records for us that “our _____ is NOT against _____ and _____, but against _____ of this dark world and against the _____ of evil in the heavenly realms.”
19. The devil just loves to cause _____ and _____ in the Body of Christ.
20. As a master _____ and the father of _____, one of the _____ he uses is the _____; it’s probably his most powerful weapon.
21. _____ of the tongue include:
- A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____
 - D. A _____ tool
 - E. _____
22. Hence, the _____ is the major _____ of _____ enabling our bodies not only to chew, swallow, and taste, but also to _____.
23. To change our words, we need to _____ our _____ and _____ / _____.
24. If my resources are accurate, I found that the word “tongue” appears _____ times in the NIV; the word “mouth” between _____ to _____ times in the King James Version. In the NIV, the word “tongue” is used _____ times in the Book of Proverbs, however, words dealing with, or needed for any type of communication, like “lips, “mouth”, “words” and other derivatives are used _____ times.
25. The word, “lips” is used approx. _____ times in the Book of Proverbs (NIV), the word, “mouth” about _____ times and the word “word” or “words” is used about _____ times.
26. Proverb 8:6-7: “Listen, for I have worthy things to _____; I open my _____ to _____ what is right; my _____ what is true, for my _____ detest wickedness.”
27. _____ of _____:
- A. “A _____ tongue can break a bone.” Proverb 25:15
 - B. “As a north wind brings rain, so a _____ tongue brings angry looks.” Proverb 25:23
 - C. “He who rebukes a man will in the end gain more favor than he who has a _____ tongue. Proverb 28:23
 - D. “Commands and instructions from fathers and mothers will keep you from the immoral woman, from the _____ tongue of the wayward wife.” Proverb 6:24
 - E. “The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a _____ tongue crushes the spirit.” Proverb 15:4
 - F. From the mouth of the righteous comes wisdom, but a _____ tongue will be silenced.” Proverb 10:31
 - G. “A wicked man listens to evil lips; a liar pays attention to a _____ or _____ tongue.” Prov. 17:4
 - H. “The fearful heart will know and understand, and the _____ tongue will be fluent and clear.” Isaiah 32:4
 - I. Isaiah stated, “the Sovereign Lord has given me a _____ - _____ tongue to know the word that sustains the weary.” Isaiah 50:4
 - J. A _____ tongue hates those it hurts, and a flattering mouth works ruin.” Proverb 26:28

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28. _____ is so much part of our world today: in _____, _____, marriage, dating, income tax filing, _____, advertising, families, friendships, _____ and schools.

29. Geri Scazzero, who authored the book, The Emotionally Healthy Woman stated that “lying is _____ in the need for others to _____ and _____ us so we _____ about ourselves.”

30. We need to practice speaking the truth in the following ways:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. In a _____ manner

31. Among many things, our _____ are also used to do the following:

A. _____

“Let another _____ you and not your own mouth; someone else and not your own lips.” 27:2

B. _____

“A _____ betrays a _____; but a trustworthy man keeps a _____.” 11:13

C. _____

“Proverbs 9:7-8 “Whoever _____ a mocker invites insults; whoever _____ a wicked man incurs abuse. Do not _____ a mocker or he will _____ you; _____ a wise man and he will _____ you.”

D. _____

32. Satan slanders _____ to _____.

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35. Satan slanders _____ to _____.

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What are some of the things the tongue, mouth, and lips do or what do you need your tongue, mouth, or lips in order to do? Be creative.

- A. Accuse, _____
- B. Bless, _____
- C. Curse, Chew _____
- D. Discipline, _____
- E. Encourage, _____
- F. Falsehood, _____
- G. Gossip, _____
- H. _____
- I. Instruct, _____
- J. Judge, _____
- K. Kiss, _____
- L. Lie, lick an ice cream cone, _____
- M. Mock, _____
- N. _____
- O. Oath, _____
- P. Praise, _____
- Q. _____
- R. Rejoice, _____
- S. Sing, _____
- T. Talk, _____
- U. _____
- V. Vow, _____
- W. Whisper, _____
- X. _____
- Y. _____
- Z. _____