

Everyday

LIFE

LIFE LESSONS FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

WEEK 2: SPEECH

QUESTION ONE

Read Proverbs 6:12-19. Why do you think the author frames this concept as showing God's judgement on dishonesty, as opposed to simply telling us to be honest?

Follow Up: Review Proverbs 1:2-7 and consider how it might help us understand this concept better.

Follow Up: How have you ever experienced the consequences of your own dishonesty or that of someone close to you? Have you ever been blessed by truth? Even hard truth?

QUESTION TWO

Read Proverbs 17:28 & 21:23. Have you ever dug yourself into a hole by speaking when you maybe should have been quiet?

Follow Up: Have you ever hurt someone with your words by trying to be helpful, when silence would have been better?

QUESTION THREE

Read Proverbs 15:1-4. According to this Proverb, how can the tongue's power be used for good? What about the destructive potential of the tongue?

Follow Up: What are some of the ways words can be a "tree of life" to people?

QUESTION FOUR

Read Luke 6:43-45. When you consider your personal growth towards wisdom, which characteristics (honesty, silence, edification) do you feel are the most important for you to focus on?

Follow Up: What does the "overflow of your mouth" say about the current condition of your heart? Which of the following prayers would help address your current heart-state?

1. Confession (How has the state of your heart led to sinful action?)
2. Submission (What parts of your life do you need to submit to God?)
3. Supplication (What do you need from God to grow in this area?)

CLOSING: How might your family, Life Group, or church family as a whole support you as you seek to grow in this area? Share with them!