

WORDS: THE COMPASS OF YOUR LIFE (HANDOUT)

Matt. 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Prov. 2:6 For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

Psalms 17 ¹A Prayer of David. Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips. ²Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal. ³Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress. ⁴Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.

Psalms 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

Psalms 34:13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

Prov. 8 ⁶Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things. ⁷For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips. ⁸All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them.

Prov. 4 ²³Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. ²⁴Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

Prov 5 ¹My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding: ²That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge.

Prov. 6:2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.

Prov. 10 ¹¹The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked. ¹³In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding. ¹⁴Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction. ¹⁹In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise. ²⁰The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth. ²¹The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom. ³¹The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out. ³²The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked speaketh frowardness.

Prov. 11:9 An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

Prov. 12 ⁶The words of the wicked are to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them. ¹³The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out

of trouble. ¹⁴A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth: and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him. ¹⁷He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit. ¹⁸There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health. ¹⁹The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment. ²⁵Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.

Prov. 13 ²A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence. ³He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

Prov. 14 ³In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them. ⁷Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge.

Prov. 15 ¹A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. ²The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness. ⁴A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit. ⁷The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish doeth not so. ¹⁴The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness. ²³A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it! ²⁶The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord: but the words of the pure are pleasant words.

Prov. 16 ¹The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord. ¹⁰A divine sentence is in the lips of the king: his mouth transgresseth not in judgment. ¹³Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right. ²¹The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning. ²³The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips. ²⁴Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones. ²⁷An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips there is as a burning fire.

Prov. 17 ⁷Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince. ²⁰He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief. ²⁷He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. ²⁸Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.

Prov. 18 ⁴The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters, and the wellspring of wisdom as a flowing brook. ⁶A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes. ⁷A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul. ⁸The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly. ¹³He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him. ²⁰A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. ²¹Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Prov. 19 ¹Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool. ²⁸An ungodly witness scorneth judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.

Prov. 20 ¹⁷Bread of deceit is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel. ¹⁹He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips. ²⁰Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.

Prov. 21:23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

Prov. 22 ¹²The eyes of the Lord preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor. ¹⁷Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge. ¹⁸For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips. ¹⁹That thy trust may be in the Lord, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee. ²⁰Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, ²¹That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?

Prov. 23 ¹⁵My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine. ¹⁶Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

Prov. 24:28 Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive not with thy lips.

Prov. 25:11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

Prov. 26 ⁴Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him. ⁷The legs of the lame are not equal: so is a parable in the mouth of fools. ⁹As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools. ²²The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly. ²³Burning lips and a wicked heart are like a potsherd covered with silver dross. ²⁴He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him; ²⁵When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations in his heart. ²⁸A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

Prov. 27:2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

Prov. 29 ⁵A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet. ²⁰Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

Prov. 30 ⁵Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. ⁶Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Ecc. 5 ²Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. ³For a dream cometh

through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words. ⁴When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. ⁵Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. ⁶Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands? ⁷For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but fear thou God.

Ecc. 7:5 It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.

Ecc. 8:4 Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?

Ecc. 9:17 The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools.

Ecc. 10 ¹¹Surely the serpent will bite without enchantment; and a babbler is no better. ¹²The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself. ¹³The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the end of his talk is mischievous madness. ¹⁴A fool also is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him?

Ecc. 12:11 The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd.