

For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

James 3:7-8

### **Sweet Words**

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Benefits of God's Wisdom (16:16-19) • Wise Speech (16:20-24) Foolish Speech (16:25-30)

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Proverbs 16:16

- <sup>16</sup> How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.
- <sup>17</sup> The highway of the upright turns aside from evil;

whoever guards his way preserves his life.

- <sup>18</sup> Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.
- 19 It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor than to divide the spoil with the proud.

- <sup>20</sup> Whoever gives thought to the word will discover good,
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- <sup>21</sup> The wise of heart is called discerning, and sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness.
- <sup>22</sup> Good sense is a fountain of life to him who has it, but the instruction of fools is folly.
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The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Luke 6:45

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- <sup>25</sup> There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.
- <sup>26</sup> A worker's appetite works for him; his mouth urges him on.
- <sup>27</sup> A worthless man plots evil, and his speech is like a scorching fire.
- <sup>28</sup> A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends.
- <sup>29</sup> A man of violence entices his neighbor and leads him in a way that is not good.
- 30 Whoever winks his eyes plans dishonest things; he who purses his lips brings evil to pass.

## During this time of reflection:

# Give your internal stop sign a performance review?