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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.



2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Speech that Reconciles

**The fool uses his words to separate,
while the wise uses his words to
reconcile.**



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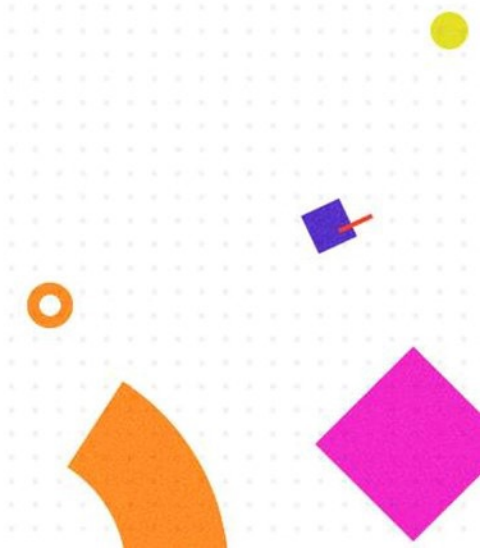
The Words of the Fool (18:1-11)

The Words of the Wise (18:12-21)



Speech that Reconciles

Proverbs 18:1

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- ¹ Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire;
he breaks out against all sound judgment.**
 - ² A fool takes no pleasure in understanding,
but only in expressing his opinion.**
 - ³ When wickedness comes, contempt comes also,
and with dishonor comes disgrace.**



**⁴ The words of a man's mouth are deep waters;
the fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook.**

**⁵ It is not good to be partial to the wicked
or to deprive the righteous of justice.**

**⁶ A fool's lips walk into a fight,
and his mouth invites a beating.**

**⁷ A fool's mouth is his ruin,
and his lips are a snare to his soul.**


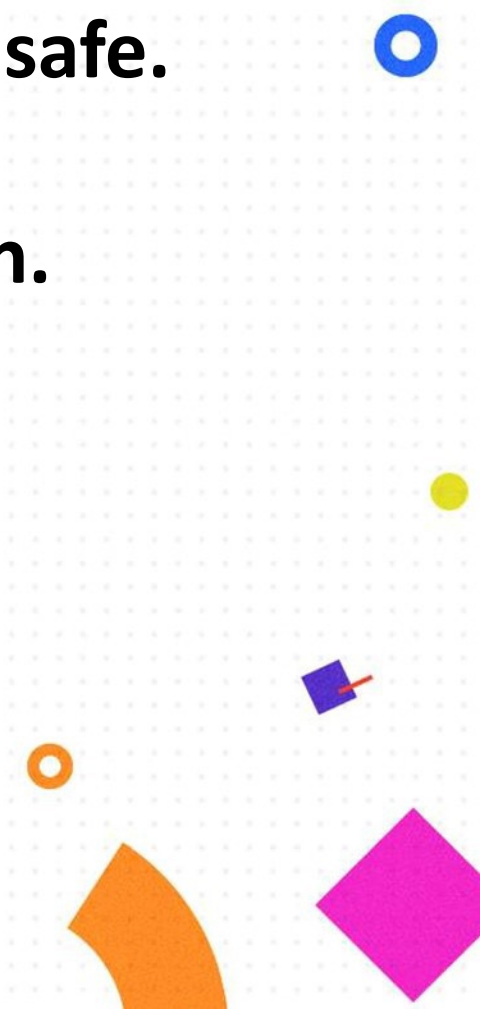
**⁸ The words of a whisperer are like delicious
morsels;**

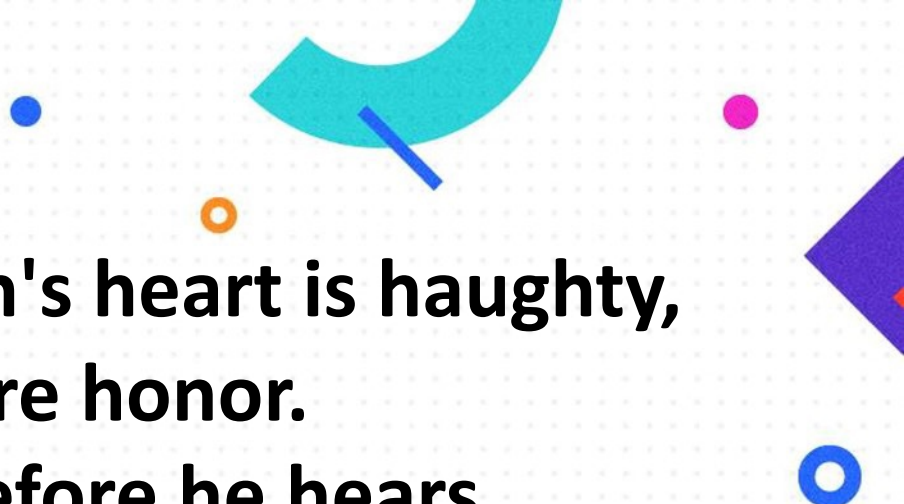

they go down into the inner parts of the body.





**⁹ Whoever is slack in his work
is a brother to him who destroys.**

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- ¹⁰ The name of the LORD is a strong tower;
the righteous man runs into it and is safe.**
- ¹¹ A rich man's wealth is his strong city,
and like a high wall in his imagination.**
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- 12 Before destruction a man's heart is haughty,
but humility comes before honor.**
- 13 If one gives an answer before he hears,
it is his folly and shame.**
- 14 A man's spirit will endure sickness,
but a crushed spirit who can bear?**
- 15 An intelligent heart acquires knowledge,
and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.**
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**16 A man's gift makes room for him
and brings him before the great.**

**17 The one who states his case first seems right,
until the other comes and examines him.**

**18 The lot puts an end to quarrels
and decides between powerful contenders.**

**19 A brother offended is more unyielding than a
strong city,
and quarreling is like the bars of a castle.**





²⁰ From the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach is satisfied;

he is satisfied by the yield of his lips.

**²¹ Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
and those who love it will eat its fruits.**





During this time of reflection:

**Have I been choosing words
that lead to reconciliation?**

