



Harnessing the power of
communication . . .

James 3:2b

If anyone does not stumble
in word,
he is a perfect man,
able also to bridle the whole
body

Reflect & Remember

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1. Reflect on God's Words

Proverbs 2:6

For the Lord gives wisdom;
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knowledge and
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Proverbs 1:23b

I will make my words
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Proverbs 1:20

Wisdom calls aloud outside;
she raises her voice in the
open squares

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Proverbs 1:21

She cries out in the chief
concourses, at the openings
of the gates in the city she
speaks her words.

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Proverbs 3:12

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the son in *whom* he delights.

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Jeremiah 15:16a

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Colossians 3:16a

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teaching and admonishing
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2. Reflect on my Words:

Proverbs 29:20

Do you see a man
hasty in his words?

*There is more hope for a fool
than for him.*

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Proverbs 21:23

Whoever
guards his mouth and tongue
keeps his soul from troubles.

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Proverbs 15:28

The heart of the righteous
studies how to answer,
But the mouth of the wicked
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Proverbs 16:23

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Matthew 12:34b

For out of the abundance of
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- **Motive**

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- **Motive** Let another man praise you,
and not your own mouth;
A stranger, and not your own lips.

Proverbs 27:2

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- Motive

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Death and life *are* in the power
of the tongue!

Proverbs 18:21a

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and a whisperer separates the
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A man who bears false witness
against his neighbor is *like*
a club, a sword, and a sharp arrow.

Proverbs 25:18

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The hypocrite with his mouth
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Proverbs 11:9a

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With her enticing speech she caused him to yield, With her flattering lips she seduced him.

Proverbs 7:21

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**You are snared by the words of
your mouth;
You are taken by the words of
your mouth.**

Proverbs 6:2

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Death and **life** *are* in the power
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A soft answer turns away wrath;

Proverbs 15:1a

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Proverbs 11:11

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A word fitly spoken *is*
like apples of gold in settings of
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Proverbs 29:19

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Proverbs 29:19

James 1:19a

So then, my beloved
brethren, let every man be
swift to hear, slow to speak.

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Proverbs 10:19;17:27a-28a; 29:11

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Proverbs 10:21a

The lips of the righteous
feed many;

Proverbs 10:21a

The lips of the righteous
feed many;

Proverbs 31:8

**Open your mouth for
the speechless, in the cause of
all *who are* appointed to die.**

Proverbs 31:8

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Proverbs 31:9

**Open your mouth, judge
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John 1:1-3

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the beginning with God.

All things were made through
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Proverbs 10:11; 12:18b; 15:14a

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The mouth of the righteous *is*
a well of life;

Proverbs 10:11; 12:18b; 15:14a

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Proverbs 10:11; 12:18b; 15:14a

The mouth of the righteous *is*
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The tongue of the wise *promotes* health.

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Proverbs 16:13

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Matthew 12:36

I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

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Matthew 10:19-20

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But the fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, longsuffering,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23a

Rely & Rejoice

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Like the legs of the lame that hang limp is a proverb in the mouth of fools.

Proverbs 26:7

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Fervent lips with a wicked heart
are like earthenware covered
with silver dross.

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them, and has committed to us
the word of reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:19b

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2. **Rejoice over my opportunity**

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

Rely & Rejoice

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Rebuke one who has
understanding, *and* he will
discern knowledge.

Proverbs 19:25b

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- **grace
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He who loves purity of heart *and*
has grace on his lips, the
king *will be* his friend.

Proverbs 22:11

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She opens her
mouth with
wisdom, and on
her tongue *is* the
law of kindness.

Proverbs 31:26

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Let your fountain
be blessed,
and rejoice with
the wife of your
youth.

Proverbs 5:18

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- grace
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- **encouragement
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Proverbs 5:18

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- grace
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- **encouragement
& blessing**

He who blesses
his friend with a
loud voice, rising
early in the
morning, it will
be counted a
curse to him.

Proverbs 27:14

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- encouragement & blessing
- courage & compassion

Ephesians 4:15-16

But, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

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Proverbs 25:12

Like an earring of gold and
an ornament of fine gold *is* a
wise rebuker to an obedient ear.

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- encouragement & blessing
- courage & compassion
- gentleness & strength

Philippians 4:12b-13

Everywhere and in all things I
have learned both to be full and
to be hungry, both to abound
and to suffer need.

I can do all things through
Christ who strengthens me.

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Proverbs 25:15b

. . . a gentle tongue
breaks a bone!

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Romans 1:16a

For I am not ashamed of the
gospel of Christ, for it is the
power of God to salvation for
everyone who believes.

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Proverbs 12:25

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causes depression,
but a good word makes it glad.

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- He endured the Father's wordless wrath.

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- **He endured the Father's wordless wrath.**

Jesus cried out with a loud voice,
saying . . . “My God, My God,
why have You forsaken Me?”

Matthew 27:46

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2. Re-direct praise to Jesus

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2. Re-direct praise to Jesus

- He endured the Father's wordless wrath.
- So that we could receive the Father's words of welcome!

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Well *done*, good and faithful servant ...
Enter into the joy of your lord!

Matthew 25:21b

