

WCBC WORSHIP SERVICE - OCTOBER 14, 2018

TOPIC: LEARNING FROM THE "FOOLS" OF THE BIBLE

Sermon 4: *The Wordy Fool!*

TEXT: Proverbs 12:13-22; Ecclesiastes 10:14

INTRO: Proverbs 10:8; 18:7

Eccl. 10:14 = "*fool*," Hebrew, "sakal," meaning, "silly, stupid"

- Socrates' Fees!

I. THE POWER OF WORDS SPOKEN TO PEOPLE:

Note: The tongue, on the one hand, when used appropriately, has the power to build and bless:

Prov. 10:11 - "*The mouth of the righteous is a FOUNTAIN OF LIFE*"

Prov. 10:21 - "*The lips of the righteous NOURISH MANY*"

Prov. 12:18b - "*The tongue of the wise BRINGS HEALING*"

Prov. 12:25 - "*A kind word CHEERS him up*"

Prov. 15:1 - "*A gentle answer TURNS AWAY WRATH*"

The tongue, on the other hand, when used inappropriately, has the power to destroy:

1. It destroys people - Prov. 11:9
2. It pierces the heart - Prov. 12:18
3. It causes anger - Prov. 15:1b
 - Alex Trebek!
4. It separates friends - Prov. 16:28
5. It wounds the soul - Prov. 18:8

II. THE POWER OF WORDS SPOKEN ABOUT PEOPLE:

- The Power Of Words!

Note: Proverbs 18:21 states that the tongue has both positive and negative aspects in it. Words negatively spoken about people:

1. Lies - Prov. 12:22
2. Gossip - Prov. 10:18

Prov. 20:19 - "*A gossip BETRAYS confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much!*"

III. THE POWER OF WORDS TO THE ONE WHO SPEAKS:

Note: What we say influences US:

Prov. 10:19 - "*When words are MANY, SIN IS NOT ABSENT*"

"Many words means many mistakes. Less words means less mistakes!" - Chinese Proverb

1. Where Do We Obtain Wholesome, Wise Words?

- A. From our Character - Prov. 10:20
- B. From our Thoughts - Prov. 15:28

"We should think twice before we speak once!"

C. From the LORD - Prov. 16:1

2. How Do We Use Wholesome, Wise Words?

- A. They should be *fitting* - Prov. 15:23
 - Rooster Or Frog!
- B. They should be *fair* - Prov. 16:13
- C. They should be *few* - Prov. 17:27a cf. v.28

CONCLUSION: A Mark of True Christian Spirituality & Maturity!

Nonstop Talking Records/Average Man's Daily Talk!

Irishman Kevin Sheenham of Limerick, PA, USA, in 1955 set a world record for nonstop talking - 133 hours (5.5 days)!

This record is now broken by Tim Harty of Coon Rapids, MN, USA, whose record in 1975 was - 144 hours (6 days)!

It has been estimated that from the first "good morning" to the last "good night," the average man engages in approximately 30 conversations a day! - Paul Lee Tan

Astronaut Michael Collins, speaking at a banquet, quoted the estimate that the average man speaks 25,000 words a day, and the average woman 30,000. Then he added: "Unfortunately, when I come home each day, I've spoken my 25,000, and my wife hasn't started her 30,000." - *Sports Illustrated*

Verse For Today

"*A fool also is full of words...!*" (KJV) - Eccl.10:14

Food For Thought

"Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools because they have TO SAY SOMETHING!" - Plato

