

The Mouth Of The Righteous

I. Introduction:

A. A fool's mouth is his destruction (**Proverbs 18:7**).

1. Fools talk a lot (**Ecclesiastes 10:11-14**).
2. They don't listen (**Proverbs 23:9**).

B. So, while wisely seeking counsel (**Proverbs 11:14**, **Proverbs 15:22**, and **Acts 15:1-6**; **15:22**), we have to be careful who we listen to (**Proverbs 14:7**, **Mark 4:24**, **I Corinthians 4:6**, and **I Timothy 4:7**).

1. Don't listen to that which will cause you to err (**Proverbs 19:27**).
2. Test what you hear with the ultimate question of whether or not God is good with such counsel (**Ephesians 5:10**).

II. Body: **Psalms 37:30-31**

A. Righteous individuals gain wisdom from the right source (**Proverbs 2:6-7**).

1. You know who is righteous based upon that person's conduct (**I John 2:29** and **I John 3:7**).
2. God's law is in his or her heart (**Psalms 1:1-2**) and his or her life is guided by the Lord's will (**Psalms 37:23**).
3. There is no wisdom in those that think they are wise, but reject God's word (**Jeremiah 8:9**).
4. True wisdom gives life (**Ecclesiastes 7:12**; cf. **Proverbs 8:1**; **8:35-36**).

B. The mouth of the righteous is a well of life (**Proverbs 10:11**).

1. To depart from the snares of death (**Proverbs 13:14**; cf. **Proverbs 15:2-4**).
2. The wise continue to learn and thus their words are profitable (**Proverbs 12:18** and **Proverbs 16:22-24**).
3. What is spoken by those with godly wisdom is good, useful, and edifying (**Ephesians 4:29**).

C. The lips of the righteous feed many (**Proverbs 10:21**).

1. Think here about what Jesus said to Peter three times (**John 21:15-17**).
2. Think about what is said of pleasant words (**Proverbs 16:24**).
3. So shall knowledge of wisdom (**Proverbs 24:13-14**).

D. The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable (**Proverbs 10:32**).

1. The righteous only desire good (**Proverbs 11:23**).
2. Righteous individuals are not swift to speak (**Proverbs 15:28**; cf. **James 1:19**).

III. Conclusion: Surround yourself with the right people (**Psalms 119:63** and **Proverbs 13:20**).