

**NIV MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 12:25**

An anxious heart weighs a man down,  
but a kind word cheers him up.

**PSALMS/PROVERBS 17-1**

**"WORDS AND CREATIVE COMMUNICATION"**  
**Psalms 119; Proverbs 10, 12, 18**

1. Share a thought from last week's lesson / lecture.

**DAY 1 – READ Proverbs 10:1-32**

- 2.a. In verses 8 and 10, what happens to a chattering (babbling) fool?
  - b. What have you observed about people who "talk too much"?
  - c. What is the reward of restraint according to Proverbs 21:23?
3. "The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life." (Proverbs 10:11) What do we expect to hear from the mouth of the righteous in these Scriptures?
  - a. Proverbs 31:26
  - b. Malachi 2:6
  - c. Romans 15:6
- 4.a. Proverbs 10:18 speaks of hypocrisy and gossip. What damage does gossip do from these Scriptures?  
Proverbs 17:9  
  
Proverbs 20:19
  - b. What admonition is found in Proverbs 10:19?
  - c. Share with your group how you think
    - 1) one can keep from being a gossip
    - 2) one can handle a person who wants to bring gossip to you
5. Proverbs 10:32, "the lips of the righteous know what is fitting." How did Paul define it in Ephesians 4:29?

**DAY 2 – READ Proverbs 12:1-28**

- 6.a. Consider verse 6. When might the "speech of the upright" rescue someone?

**DAY 2 (Continued) – READ Proverbs 12:1-28**

6.b. Do you think it's possible to defend someone without becoming defensive?

Argue a point without becoming argumentative?

Be persistent without talking too much?

What can keep us in check from these verses?

Proverbs 12:15b

Proverbs 12:16b

Proverbs 12:17a

Proverbs 16:24

Proverbs 17:27

7.a. Write the memory verse (Proverbs 12:25).

b. What else brings encouragement from Proverbs 15:30?

**DAY 3 – READ Proverbs 18:1-24**

8. We never learn unless we stop talking and start listening (vs.2). Give a reason why you think listening is important in each of the following situations:

a. In our Bible discussion group:

b. In our home:

c. As we witness about our faith:

d. In prayer:

9. Verse 6 says, "A fool's lips bring him strife . . ." How do you think that's true when one speaks angry words?

critical words?

10. True or False:

True      False

a. Speak first, then listen (vs.13)

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b. Wait until all the facts are presented (vs.17)

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c. Strife can be easily settled (vs.19)

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d. The tongue has the power of life and death (vs.21)

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11. Think of three ways you can creatively communicate without using your tongue.

**DAY 4 – READ Psalm 119:1-96**

12. Devotion to the Word of God helps us communicate with Him and with each other in a godly manner. Write out these selected verses from Psalm 119 as you read and praise God for each verse.
- a. 119:2
  - b. 119:4
  - c. 119:9
  - d. 119:11
  - e. 119:16
  - f. 119:18
  - g. 119:24
  - h. 119:36
  - i. 119:45
  - ii.
  - j. 119:50
  - k. 119:66
  - l. 119:93

**DAY 5 – READ Psalm 119:97-176**

13. Continue to write out these selected verses as you read from Psalm 119.
- a. 119:105
  - b. 119:130
  - c. 119:160
  - d. 119:165
  - e. 119:175
14. The overwhelming theme of Psalm 119 is pure love for the Word of God. How has this study of God's Word enriched your life this year?

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**LECTURE NOTES:**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**