

Lesson 5: Dr. John MacArthur Studies: "Speaking with Wisdom"

Proverbs 5:1-8; 10:10-32; 15:1-7, 23-33

Sunday, October 26, 2025 Facilitator: Brenda J. Davis



Objectives:

- To acknowledge that speech may appear in various forms
- To recognize that there is godly wisdom *and* worldly wisdom
- To allow God through His Word to dictate how we should speak with wisdom

Overview:

Questions to ponder:

1. What is speech?
2. What does it mean when one says, "Talk is cheap!"?
3. Name several ways in which people communicate with one another.
4. Is it true what one says about "Sticks and stones hurt but...not words"? Why or why not?
5. Is "telephobia" safer than oral communication?

Preview:

- Read James 3:17.
- Brief video presentation with Pastor Tony Evans
- Self-Assessment#1. See Page 2.

In View:

- For each scriptural passage, please select what you consider to be the *key verse(s)* for each section. What are some *key words*? (Try to limit yourself to one or two verses.)

- A. Proverbs 5:1-8 _____
- B. Proverbs 10:10-32 _____
- C. Proverbs 15:1-8 _____
- D. Proverbs 15:23-33 _____

- Oral discussion: The facilitator will provide scenarios and questions based upon society's interpretation or your own interpretation of conducting speech.

Self-Assessment #1:

- Rank how each statement accurately represents you with #1 being the *most likely* and #10 being the *least likely*.
1. ____ I don't enter into other people's conversations.
 2. ____ I never gossip or share with others what I have heard.
 3. ____ Sarcasm isn't always bad.
 4. ____ Tone is just as important as words.
 5. ____ Facial expression is just as important as words.
 6. ____ The most important "speech" is praying to God.
 7. ____ I allow others to speak for me in challenging situations.
 8. ____ I'm a better listener than a speaker.
 9. ____ I'm an effective mediator in the face of conflict.
 10. ____ Exaggeration is a form of lying.

Self-Assesment#2: This will be an oral activity as time permits.

Review:

What are key scriptures that you can employ to improve your speaking with wisdom?
(They do not necessarily have to come from the book of Proverbs.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

What is one practical way that I can improve my speaking with wisdom?

Thank all of you for your participation!

