

Biblical Guidelines for Providing Meaningful Support and Guidance for Persons in Leadership

Proverbs 4:19 ¹⁹When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.

Proverbs 15:22 ²²Plans fail for lack of [counsel](#), but with many advisers they succeed.

Mtthew 12:36 ³⁶But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. ³⁷For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.”

Matthew 18:15-17 ¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. ¹⁶But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

Acts 17:11 ¹¹Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

Romans 12:3 ³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.

Romans 14:1 ¹Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters.

Romans 15:1-2 ¹We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. ²Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.

1 Corinthians 16:14 ¹⁴Do everything in love.

Galatians 6:1-2 ¹If someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. ²Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Ephesians 4:15 ¹⁵...speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

Ephesians 4:29,32 ²⁹Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.... ³²Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 5:11 ¹¹Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

Colossians 4:6 ⁶Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 ¹⁷pray continually;

James 1:5 ⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

James 1:19,26 ¹⁹My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,... ²⁶If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

T.H.I.N.K. Acronym

Think before you speak...

“T” – Is it truthful? “H” – Is it helpful? “I” – Is it inspiring? “N” – Is it necessary? “K” – Is it kind?

Augustine???: *“In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity (love).”*