

Read my lips
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Gen 1.3: *And God said...*

John 1.14: *The Word became Flesh*

Mt 4.4: *Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'*

I. God's Purpose

1. Fullness of life

Prov. 12.14: *From the fruit of his lips a man is filled with good things as surely as the work of his hands rewards him.*



2. Truth

Prov. 12.17: *A truthful witness gives honest testimony, but a false witness tells lies.*

3. Blessing

Prov. 25.11: *A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.*
God (Heb 13.15): *Through Jesus,*

therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise — the fruit of lips that confess his name.

Each other (1 Peter 3.9): Do not repay ... insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

4. Correction

Prov. 25.12: *Like an earring of gold or an ornament of fine gold is a wise man's rebuke to a listening ear.*

Eph 4.15: *Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.*



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II. Our practice

1. Speak after

Prov. 18.13: *He who answers before listening — that is his folly and his shame.*

James 1.19: *Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry...*



2. Speak little

Prov. 10.19: *When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.*

Eccl 6.11: *The more the words, the less the meaning...*

3. Speak gently

Prov. 15.1: *A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.*

4. Speak timely

Prov. 15.23: *A man finds joy in giving an apt reply — and how good is a timely word.*

