**Wisdom In Speech**

*The Way of Wisdom: Proverbs*

Talk is cheap?

**1. The Power and Importance of Words**

 i) Our Lives (18:21;12:13; 18:6, 20; cf. James 3:3-8)

 ii) Other’s Lives (12:18; 11:9, 11; 10:21)

 iii) Christian Reality (8:13; cf. Jer 10:1, 5; Matt 12:36-37; Mk 1:15; Rom 10:15-17)

**2. Wise Speech:**

 i) Discerning (10:19; 11:12; 13:3; 15:2, 28; 17:27-28; 25:11)

 ii) Honest (4:24; 10:18; 12:22; 24:26; 26:28; 27:5; 28:23; cf. Jn 8:44; Zeph 3:13; Col 3:9; Rev 14:1-5)

 iii) Builds Others Up (12:25; 15:23; 16:24, 28; 25:15; 26:20; 31:8-9; cf. Eph 4:29)

 iv) Jesus Centred (8:6-9; 10:11; 15:4; 22:17-18; cf. Eph 4:15-16; Col 2:2-3)

**3. The Way Forward For the Wise**

i) Diagnose the Heart (10:20; 14:23; 16:23; 18:8; 26:6-9, 23-26; cf. Matt 12:34; 15:8)

 ii) Guard Your Heart & Mind (1:33; 2:2, 8:33; 17:4; 19:27; 30:8; cf. Phil 4:8-9)

 iii) Look & Listen to Jesus (Mk 1:14-15; 1Pet 1:23-25 2:22; Lk 23:34; Jn 17:17; Jas 1:21)

*May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, Lord, my rock and my Redeemer. (Ps 19:14)*