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Proverbs 10:19, **“In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise.”**

The wise man Solomon spoke often of the contrast between the wise and the foolish. You cannot compare God to Satan as God has no equal, neither can you compare the wise to the foolish in this context. However, you can declare the contrast between the two. For example: God is sinless - Satan is sin. A wise man cares for the things of God - A foolish man cares not. In Proverbs 10:19, Solomon draws a contrast between a foolish man who talks just to hear himself talk, also known as **“profane and vain babblings”** (II Timothy 2:16), and a wise man who chooses his words cautiously (wisely). Solomon refers to this again in Proverbs 16:23 when he said, **“The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.”**

The Apostle Paul teaches a similar lesson to the church at Corinth when he told them, **“Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue”** (I Corinthians 14:19). To speak with understanding is to speak wisely. One cannot speak wisely if they are mad, upset, vengeful, or any number of other conditions which would prohibit them from thinking straight. Have you ever noticed how someone who is really mad can string out a long line of bad words and sentences which make no sense? However, consider Jesus when He, in the midst of a feast, went up into the temple and taught the doctrine which God had sent Him to teach. Jesus taught those nearby with ultimate wisdom. So much so that the officers which came answered the Pharisees concerning Christ, **“Never man spake like this man”** (John 7:46). Paul, remember, spake the same way in I Corinthians 2:4, **“And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words”** (vain or in multiplicity) **“of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.”** Let us speak as Solomon spoke (by the leadership of the Spirit) and as Christ speaks to us in Matthew 5:37, **“But let your communication be, Yea, yea;**

Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.” Now we are truly reminded where Solomon got his words of wisdom. Think About IT!