

Avoiding the Poison of Pride (Proverbs 15:25-33)

By Dave Kraft (from the ESV Men's Devotional Bible)

What makes the difference between pride and humility? Here we have yet another amazingly insightful passage in Proverbs dealing with a character tension that is as old as the hills but as relevant as today's newspaper.

In Proverbs 15:25, Solomon tells us, "The LORD tears down the house of the proud." In verse 33 he says, "The fear of the LORD is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honour."

In between pride (v.25) and humility (v.33) we read, "The ear that listens to life-giving reproof will dwell among the wise" (v.31), and, "Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence" (v.32).

How does a potentially proud man become a humble man? He does so by listening to those who would reprove him and not ignoring the opportunities for instruction that the Lord sends his way.

Throughout the book of Proverbs we find the comparison between a fool and a wise man, and one of the distinguishing features of the wise man is the willingness to listen well and to grow by receiving reproof from others. Meanwhile, the fool in his old age will bemoan, "How I hated discipline, and my heart despised reproof! I did not listen to the voice of my teachers or incline my ear to my instructors" (Prov. 5:12-13).

The fool is the man who thinks he knows it all and is not open to what others may offer by way of correction or instruction. In the words of the apostle Paul, "if anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know" (1 Cor. 8:2). The last thing we should want to become is the man who thinks he knows it all and thereby demonstrates that he actually knows very little. It was John Wooden who said, "it's what you learn after you know it all that counts."

Do you have a teachable spirit? It should be at the top of your list of "most desired character qualities." We need to hear from God, our spouse, our children, our friends, and our spiritual leaders. If you're not teachable, over time you will become the proud man whom God opposes (1 Pet. 5:5-6).



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We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord. We do this by getting to know him through his living Word, the Bible, which is why the sermon is the key part of our Sunday services. Find out more about us at www.slechurch.org.au.

This Week: Proverbs #3— Wisdom In Our Words

Our speech is an expression of our worship to God. What we say with our mouths flows out from what is in our hearts. Wise speech gives life and brings the blessing of healing and building others up.

Next Week: Proverbs— Wisdom in our Wealth

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Today's Service

Welcome and Singing

There Is A Higher Throne
Meekness and Majesty
Holy Spirit Living Breath of
God

Holy Communion

Offering

Community News

Bible Reading

Proverbs 10;
Matthew 12:33-37

Sermon

By Pastor Ben Ho

Song of Response

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Say hello

Join us for morning tea at 10:30am.
We'd love to have a chat and get to know you better.

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Financial Update

Last Week	\$5,469.85
Weekly Required	\$5,520
Shortfall 2018	\$0.00

Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

A/C Name:	SLE Church
Bank:	National Australia Bank
BSB:	084-424
A/C No:	396558544

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Prayer Points

PRAISE GOD THAT WISDOM has come to us in Jesus Christ. Pray that we would be people marked by wise living, as we seek not to live for our selves, and not to live by our sinful nature, but to be people so transformed by the gospel in mind and hearts that we seek to glorify God in all that we do, and live wisely in accordance with our faith.

PRAY FOR SLE CHURCH COUNCIL'S END OF YEAR MEETING. Pray that as the SLE Church council and key ministry leaders meet together to reflect on the year it will be an encouraging time as we reflect on how God has been at work in the life of our church.

Pray that it would also be time of renewal as we look ahead to 2019. Pray for wisdom in our ministries as they plan out the year, and pray also for the coming year that God would raise up and equip the right people to teach and lead.

Pray that our ministries would look to our new church vision to shape plans for 2019 and pray that God would be pleased to use our vision to extend His mission and glorify Himself.

PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS IN EXAMS. Pray that God would sustain them in their studies, give them good rest, help them organize their time well and to continue meeting with fellow Christians for prayer and encouragement.

Community News

YRS 1-6 SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Sunday School Christmas Program for Yrs 1-6 are as below. Parents please encourage your children to pass the invitations that they have been given to their friends. For more information please email Grace at grace.phon@gmail.com

18 November 9-10:30am
25 November 9-12noon (Christmas party at St Lucia Playground Park from 11am)
2 December 9=10:30am

CALL TO PRAYER FOR SLE CHURCH COUNCIL'S END OF YEAR MEETING

On 24 November, SLE Church Council will meet together with key ministry leaders to reflect on what God has done in 2018 through this church, and plan for 2019. We value the church's support by praying for this meeting for all involved.

PASTOR BEN LONG SERVICE LEAVE

Pastor Ben will be on long service leave from 2 December to 27 January, 2019

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Serving

	Today	Next Week
Chair	Bryan	Ps Steven
Preach	Ps Ben	Ps Ben
Bible Read	Chi <i>Marilyn</i>	Boon Cheng <i>Ps Steven</i>
M.Tea	Corina Muriel	Gen Lee Lilian
Wash Up	SaLT	Sunday YF
Welcome	Philip Mee-Lan Meng Yin <i>Andrew</i> <i>Marcus</i> <i>Hui Xian</i> <i>Joy</i>	Philip Mee-Lan Meng Yin <i>Andrew</i> <i>Marcus</i> <i>Hui Xian</i> <i>Joy</i>
Stewards	Jeffrey Jordan <i>Stanley</i> <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Aaron</i>	Jeffrey Jordan <i>Stanley</i> <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Aaron</i>
Piano	Liesl	Dan Lowe
Guitar	Ariel,/Jabez	Dom/Mark
Bass	Aaron	Ethan
Drums	Sharne	Marcus
Vocal	Sarah/Alisha/ Joachim	Shaun
PA	Matt <i>Chris</i>	Reuten <i>Daniel</i>

Wisdom in Our Words [Proverbs]

1. Introduction

A. The Power of words

B. The prevalence of words

C. The importance of wisdom

2. The Power of Words

A. The power of life and death

B. The power to heal and hurt

3. The Heart of Speech

4. Wise Speaking in Practice

A. Life giving speech

Suggested reading: Honest Evangelism (Tice); Promoting the Gospel (Dickson)

B. Controlled speech

HIGHLY recommended reading: War of Words (Tripp)

5. Conclusion