

THREE WAYS SOLOMON SAYS WE MISUSE OUR MOUTH

Babbling (verses 11-15)

A wise man once said the best way to save face is to keep the bottom portion of it closed

1. Destructive in Nature (vv. 11-12)

2. Devoid of Content (v. 13)

3. Disproportionate to the Needy (vv. 14-15)

Two More Foolish Ways Our Mouths Can Be Used:

I. Indulging (vv. 16-19)

Too Much Time

Too Many Resources

Francis Schaeffer

“The Rise and Decline of Western Civilization”

Two More Foolish Ways Our Mouths Can Be Used:

“Rome did not fall because of external forces such as the
invasion of the barbarians

Rome had no sufficient inward base

And Rome gradually became a ruin

Did you notice that word gradually?

Starts with abundance-immorality-apathy-corrupt
government”

Two More Foolish Ways Our Mouths Can Be Used:

II. Maligning (v. 20)

Six Things God Hates

Proverbs 6:

These six things the Lord hates,
Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:

vs.17

A proud look,

A lying tongue,

Hands that shed innocent blood,

Six Things God Hates

Proverbs 6:

vs.18

A heart that devises wicked plans,
Feet that are swift in running to evil,

vs.19

A false witness who speaks lies,
And one who sows discord among brethren.

Two More Foolish Ways Our Mouths Can Be Used:

a. Inwardly

b. Vocally

Five Questions to Ask Someone Who Has a Desire to Sow Discord

1. Why are you telling me this?
2. Where did you get your information?
3. Have you gone directly to those involved?
4. Have you personally checked this out-do you know this is true?
5. Can I quote you on that?

Romans 12:1

Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

How to Handle Someone Who Sows Discord Among the Brethren

Romans 16:17

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