

WORD COUNT AND QUALITY

-Ryan Parsons-

As I was reading my daily scriptures this week, I found myself softly singing a children's song...

*O be careful little mouth what you say
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For the Father up above
Is looking down in love
So, be careful little mouth what you say*

Proverbs 10:19-21 says:

When words are many, transgression is not lacking,
but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.
The tongue of the righteous is choice silver;
the heart of the wicked is of little worth.
The lips of the righteous feed many,
but fools die for lack of sense.

Studies have found that the average person speaks between 7-10 Million words every year. Some speak much more than that, and others much less. Scripture's wisdom tells us that there is eternal significance in the words we speak. They are so powerful that they can either bless or harm others. More words may not be better. However, words following Godly wisdom are caring and thoughtful (prudent), very valuable (silver), and nourishing to others (feed many).

As we are challenged by God's word this week, let us be mindful of not only how many words we speak (word count), but also of how we must have our speech restrained, righteous, and guided by the ways of our Lord (word quality).

Colossians 4:6

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Keep studying!