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Prov. 18:21a; 6:16-19; 26:20-21 Mark 10:27 Matt. 12:34-37
Rom. 7:15, 19, 24-25a Prov. 26:18-19 Eph. 4:29-32

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- 2) Your _____.
- 3) The solution for _____ the _____ is NOT to try harder - but to press into Jesus!
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Wisdom Test:

- Do I seek to do what is _____, or what is _____?
- Do I try to _____ to _____?
- Do others feel that I _____?
- Am I _____?
- Do I _____?
 - To _____?
- Does my _____ life match my _____?

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- 1) A godly leader speaks truth in HUMILITY _____, leads by example, and FEARS _____ the LORD _____.
- 2) Your WORDS MATTER _____.
- 3) The solution for TAMING _____ the TONGUE _____ is NOT to try harder - but to press into Jesus!
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- 5) Don't do the right thing with the WRONG MOTIVE _____

Wisdom Test:

- Do I seek to do what is RIGHT _____, or what is EASY _____?
- Do I try to RELATE _____ to OTHERS _____?
- Do others feel that I RESPECT _____ THEM _____?
- Am I TEACHABLE _____?
- Do I SHOW COMPASSION _____?
 - To EVERYONE _____?
- Does my PRIVATE _____ life match my PUBLIC _____?

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5) What stands out to you from the following?

Colossians 4:6 - *"Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one."*

Proverbs 9:10 - "[10] *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."*

Proverbs 12:18 - *"There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise promotes health."*

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