

ETHAN TEMPLE MINISTRIES
TOOLS FOR LIFE
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MY MOUTH

“The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, and adds persuasiveness to his lips.”

Proverbs 16:23

Our communication can wound others or heal them:

- A wise word - Proverbs 12:18
- Pleasant words - Proverbs 16:24
- A good word - Proverbs 12:25
- A wholesome word - Proverbs 15:4

Our communication can save a life or take a life:

- Power of the tongue - Proverbs 18:21
- Tongue of the wise - Proverbs 25:11

Keys to good communication:

- Speak in such a way that you make others want to listen - Proverbs 15:2
- Learn to be persuasive - Proverbs 16:23
- Listen before speaking - Proverbs 18:13
- Be slow to speak and guard your words carefully - Proverbs 29:20
- Stop while you're ahead - Proverbs 10:19
- Share genuine wisdom - Proverbs 10:31a
- Always speak the truth - Proverbs 10:18

Benefits of effective communication:

- Material success - Proverbs 10:21
- Personal joy - Proverbs 15:23
- Friendship - Proverbs 22:11

In March, 2005, Brian Nichols had murdered a judge and three others when he took Ashley Smith hostage and forced her to let him into her apartment. Her words of hope, vision, and purpose, and the words she read from the book *The Purpose-Driven Life*, brought about a dynamic change in the heart and mind of her captor. Her words not only saved her life, they saved his life and who knows how many other lives that might have been lost had he not peacefully surrendered to the police.