

Wells produce water for others.

Men - your home needs a well. You need to dig now and find your abundance in God. *Don't worry about playlets if they don't have a well.*

What will be the results in their lives.

Feed. Health. Protect

The lips of the righteous **feed many**: but fools die for want of wisdom. **Proverbs 10:21**

There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is **health**. **Proverbs 12:18**

The words of the wicked are to lie in wait for blood: but the mouth of the upright shall **deliver** them. **Proverbs 12:6**

Questions to ask yourself.

Does your mouth usually feed people with the truth or starve people through silence?

Does your mouth usually heal people with words of grace are you critical?

And does your mouth usually protect people or is it used to cause harm to the reputation of others?

If you have sought happiness, comfort, sexual fulfillment, purpose, or hope in other cisterns and forsaken the Fountain of Life you will be leaving those around you thirsty.

Proverbs

Theme of Proverbs: *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge. Fools despise wisdom and instruction.* **Proverbs 1:7**

Tonight's Text: Proverbs 10

Proverbs contrasting righteous and wicked living 10–15)
Proverbs exalting righteous living (16:1–22:16)

A series of approximately 375 short maxims/sayings. They are not grouped according to a comprehensive plan, except for certain sections which contain a series linked together by common characteristics or analogies.

Introduction:

One of the running themes of Proverbs—one that is prominent in today's chapter—is the power of words and control of the tongue.

I. The Mouth.

Proverbs 10:11 The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

- A. He cares about what goes in, but he cares a lot more about what comes out *Matthew 15:11. Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.*
- B. This passage has a much to say about the Christians ability to make proper use of his mouth.

- The mouth is a problem to so many people (v. 6)
- The Christian has wisdom to speak (vv. 13, 31)
- The Christian also can keep quiet (v. 19)
- The Christian shares precious things (v. 20)
- The Christian's words provide food for others (v. 21)
- The Christian's words are thought out. (v. 32)

II. The Righteousness Man

Proverbs 10:11 The mouth of a **righteous man** is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

- A. The righteous fear the Lord. **Romans 3:18-20**
 - A. We know we are sinners.
 - B. We know He is Savior.
- B. The fear of the Lord is required for wisdom.
 - 1. **Proverbs 9:10** *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom* fear of the Lord = beginning of wisdom
 - 2. **Proverbs 13:14** *The law of the wise is a fountain of life* teaching of the wise = fountain of life
- C. How do I know if I fear the Lord?
Here are two of the ways.
 - A. We delight in His Word. (Psalm 36:9) *You give them to drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life.*
 - B. Reverence for His Word (Isaiah 66:2) *For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.*

Summary: The mouth of the righteous is a "well of life" because GOD is a fountain of life and the righteous live on God.

3. The "Well of Life"

Proverbs 10:11 The mouth of a righteous man is a **well of life**: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

- A. Well not Storage Unit
 - 1. Look at this long list I have given you. Looks like hard work to me.
 - 2. Not things you do but whom you trust. **John 15**
 - 3. You cannot replace your need for the source by the hoarding of Biblical facts.
- B. Abundant Heart - *out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.* **Matthew 12:34**
 - 1. And the way God means to change the mouth is by becoming that abundance.
 - 2. The fountain of life is free. And it reproduces wells not *And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.* **Revelation 22:17**

Upcoming Events & Special Announcements

This Sunday we will have lunch together before the afternoon service.

Please continue to pray for Pastor and Mrs. Betty as they minister in Peru.

On Sunday morning we will look at the last paragraph in Matthew 8. In the afternoon service pastor Robert will encourage us from Matthew 19:14.

Kevin White is teaching on Personal Evangelism in the OGTC tomorrow morning.

Vacation Bible School is July the 7th - 10th. No one is so "uncool" they can't help. There is a meeting about this immediately after this Bible study.

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June 27th

**Tonight we make sure our
home has a well. Proverbs 10**

Welcome,

We are glad you chose to invest this hour of your life in God's Word and in fellowship that love Jesus. We meet for the "Vision Fraternity" on a monthly basis. On the other Thursday nights of the month we also have a church services.

What makes tonight unique.

- We will spend time in prayer together.
- We don't have the ladies holding us back as we sing.
- We will ask other brothers to give the missionaries updates.
- We are doing a study through Proverbs. Tonight we are in Proverbs 10.
- We will hear Mark Tolson who just arrived back from China and Kevin White in from Bolivia.
- We will have an emphasis on the work of disciple makers with some Q & A with Mark and Kevin.
- We will have light refreshments after the Bible study to encourage more fellowship.

"You may feel and say, as many do, 'I was converted and became a Christian. I've grown. I've grown in knowledge, I've been reading books, I've been listening to sermons. But I've arrived now at a sort of peak, and all I do is maintain that. For the rest of my life I will just go on like this.' My friend, you must get rid of that attitude; you must get rid of it once and forever. That is religion. It is not Christianity. This is Christianity: the Lord appears! Suddenly, in the midst of the drudgery and the routine and the sameness and the dullness and the drabness, unexpectedly, surprisingly, he meets with you, and he says something to you that changes the whole of your life and your outlook and lifts you to a level that you had never conceived was possible for you. . . . There is always this glorious possibility of meeting with him in a new and a dynamic way."

Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Living Water: Studies in John 4* (Wheaton, 2009), page 14.

If you have found yourself at this place - get with another brother and let him encourage you in the things of the Lord. Be accountable to one another.