

# Welcome

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**Luke 16:10** He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.



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**Matthew 7:3** And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?





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*– Ecclesiastes 10:1*





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The title of the book “ecclesiastes” as commonly used in English is a Latin transliteration of the Greek translation of the Hebrew word **Kohehleth** – both mean a speaker to an assembly, i.e. preacher

Lexicon :: Strong's H6953 - qōheleṯ		Aa
קהלת		
Transliteration	Pronunciation	
qōheleṯ	ko-heh'-leth 	
Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)	
masculine noun	Fem. of act part from קהל (H6950)	
Dictionary Aids		
TWOT Reference: 1991c		
KJV Translation Count — Total: 7x		
The KJV translates Strong's H6953 in the following manner: preacher (7x).		

**Ecclesiastes 1:1-2** The words of **the Preacher**, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all *is* vanity.

**Ecclesiastes 1:12-14** | **the Preacher** was king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all *things* that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith. I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

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## Folly in Speech: Gossip and Slander

- **Leviticus 19:16** Thou shalt not go up and down as a **talebearer** among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I *am* the LORD.
- **Psalms 101:5** Whoso privily **slandereth his neighbour**, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.
- **James 4:11** **Speak not evil one of another, brethren.** He that speaketh evil of *his* brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.



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## **Folly in Speech: Harsh or Critical Words**

**Ecclesiastes 9:17** The words of wise *men are* heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools.

**Proverbs 15:1-2** A soft answer turneth away wrath: but **grievous words stir up anger**. The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

**James 3:9-10** Therewith **bless** we **God**, even the Father; and therewith **curse** we men, which are made after the similitude of **God**. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.



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## Folly in Speech: Harsh or Critical Words

**Matthew 12:34-37** O generation of **vipers**, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? **for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.** A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, **That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.**

**For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.**



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## Folly in Speech: Profanity or Crude Language

**Ephesians 5:4** Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

**FILTHINESS** = Strong's Greek Dictionary 151. αἰσχροτης *aischrotes ahee-skhrot'-ace* from 150; **shamefulness**, i.e. **obscenity**:—filthiness.

**FOOLISH TALKING** = Strong's Greek Dictionary 3473. μωρολογία *morologia morologia mo-rol-og-ee'-ah*; **silly talk**, i.e. **buffoonery**:—foolish talking.

**JESTING** = Strong's Greek Dictionary 2160. ευτραπελια *eutrapelia yoo-trap-el-ee'-ah* (meaning well-turned, i.e. ready at repartee, jocose); **witticism**, i.e. (in a vulgar sense) **ribaldry**:—jesting.



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## Folly in Speech: Lies & Divisive Talk

**Proverbs 6:19** A **false witness** *that* speaketh **lies**, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

**Romans 16:17-18** Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which **cause divisions and offences** contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and **by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.**



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## Folly in Actions: Immoral Behavior

**1 Corinthians 6:18:** "**Flee fornication.** Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body."

**Ephesians 5:3:** "**But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness,** let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints."

**Galatians 5:19:** "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; **Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness.**"





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## Folly in Actions: Hypocrisy

**Matthew 23:27-28:** "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. **Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.**"

**Romans 12:9:** **"Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good."**

**1 Peter 2:1:** "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, **and hypocrisies**, and envies, and all evil speakings."



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## Folly in Actions: Neglect Others Needs

**James 2:15-16:** "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; **notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body;** what doth it profit?"

**1 John 3:17:** "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"



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**Folly in Actions: Neglect Others Needs**

**Matthew 25:41-43:** "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

**For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not."**



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## Folly Effects

**Galatians 2:12-14** For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: **but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.** But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before *them* all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?



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**Preserving our Witness: Guard Heart/Mind**

**Proverbs 4:23: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."**

**Philippians 4:7: "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."**

**Psalms 19:14: "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."**



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**Preserving our Witness: Wholesome Speech**

**Ephesians 4:29-32 29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.**





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## Preserving our Witness: Wholesome Speech

**Titus 2:7-8** In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine *shewing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, **Sound speech, that cannot be condemned**; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

**Colossians 4:5-6** Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. **Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.**



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## Preserving our Witness: Practice Discernment

Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

1 Thessalonians 5:21: "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

Hebrews 5:14: "But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."



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## Preserving our Witness: Humility and Grace

**Micah 6:8:** "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, **but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"**

**Colossians 3:12:** "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, **bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;"**

**James 4:6:** "But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, **God** resisteth the proud, but **giveth grace unto the humble."**



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**Preserving our Witness : YOU!**

**Matthew 5:13-16** **Ye are the salt of the earth:** but if the salt

have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is

thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be

trodden under foot of men. **Ye are the light of the world.** A

city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a

candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it

giveth light unto all that are in the house. **Let your light so**

**shine before men, that they may see your good works,**

**and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**



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**HONOUR=** Strong's Greek Dictionary 5092. τιμη **time tee-may'** from 5099; a **value, i.e. money paid, or (concretely and collectively) valuables; by analogy, esteem (especially of the highest degree), or the dignity itself:**—honour, precious, price, some.

**2 Timothy 2:21** If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, *and* prepared unto every good work.



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## Decisions: Ripple Effect



**GALATIANS 5:19** When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, **20** idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, **21** envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. (NLT)

**Romans 8:12-14** Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.



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