

# Proverbs 25

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1. Mum's the word! vv. 9, 14. The less you say, the better, even (especially) in the era of social media. Solve problems face to face.
2. Choose your words carefully, vv. 11-12, 15. Listen to yourself speak. Work toward maximum positive effect. Think in terms of results, not getting something off your chest.
3. Practice moderation in all things, vv. 16, 27. Going overboard may make you puke. You can get too much of a good thing.
4. Speak and act appropriately to the circumstances, v. 20. Be aware of the mood, sensitive to other people's moment. Reflecting their thoughts and feelings is the way to helping them.
5. Do good, always, even to your enemy. It might help him to repent, vv. 21-22. Melt resistance with good. This is a principle for all time: overcome evil with good, Rm 12.19-21.
6. Choose your mate with extreme care, v. 24. Don't get married on a whim. If you marry badly, there's not much option—you're stuck.
7. Don't give in where righteousness is concerned, v. 26. If you can't resist and stand up to the evil, can you really call yourself righteous? Don't let 'tolerance' be your escape.