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In other words:

How to know what is evil
without doing or becoming what is evil

Matthew 10:16

“Behold, I am sending you out
as sheep in the midst of wolves,
so be wise as serpents
and innocent as doves.”

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“The fear of the LORD
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- Living humbly, generously, obediently, and ready for correction

Proverbs 10:6, 11

Blessings are on the head of the righteous,
but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence...
The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life,
but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.

Proverbs 11:9

With his mouth the godless man
would destroy his neighbor,
but by knowledge the righteous
are delivered.

Proverbs 12:18

There is one whose rash words
are like sword thrusts,
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Proverbs 15:4

A gentle tongue is a tree of life,
but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

Proverbs 18:6

A fool's lips walk into a fight,
and his mouth invites a beating.

Proverbs 14:3

By the mouth of a fool comes a rod for his back,
but the lips of the wise will preserve them.

Proverbs 10:14

The wise lay up knowledge,
but the mouth of a fool brings ruin near.

Proverbs 18:7

A fool's mouth is his ruin,
and his lips are a snare to his soul.

Proverbs 12:13

An evil man is ensnared
by the transgression of his lips,
but the righteous escapes from trouble.

Proverbs 15:2

The tongue of the wise commends knowledge,
but the mouths of fools pour out folly.

Proverbs 15:28

The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer,
but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

Proverbs 13:3

Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life;
he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.

Proverbs 10:19

When words are many, transgression is not lacking,
but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.

Proverbs 17:28

Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise;
when he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent.

Proverbs 21:23

Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue
keeps himself out of trouble.

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Proverbs 31:8-9

Open your mouth for the mute,
for the rights of all who are destitute.

Open your mouth, judge righteously,
defend the rights of the poor and needy.

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James 3:1

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For we all stumble in many ways,
and if anyone does not stumble in what he says,
he is a perfect man,
able also to bridle his whole body.

James 3:3-4

If we put bits into the mouths of horses
so that they obey us,
we guide their whole bodies as well.

Look at the ships also:
though they are so large
and are driven by strong winds,
they are guided by a very small rudder
wherever the will of the pilot directs.

James 3:5-6

So also the tongue is a small member,
yet it boasts of great things.
How great a forest is set ablaze
by such a small fire!

And the tongue is a fire,
a world of unrighteousness.
The tongue is set among our members,
staining the whole body,
setting on fire the entire course of life,
and set on fire by hell.

James 3:7-8

For every kind of beast and bird,
of reptile and sea creature,
can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind,
but no human being can tame the tongue.
It is a restless evil,
full of deadly poison.

James 3:9-12

With it we bless our Lord and Father,
and with it we curse people who are made
in the likeness of God.

From the same mouth come blessing and cursing.
My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

Does a spring pour forth from the same opening
both fresh and salt water?

Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives,
or a grapevine produce figs?

Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Matthew 12:33-37

“Either make the tree good and its fruit good,
or make the tree bad and its fruit bad,
for the tree is known by its fruit.

“You brood of vipers!
How can you speak good, when you are evil?
For out of the abundance of the heart
the mouth speaks.”

Matthew 12:33-37

“The good person out of his good treasure
brings forth good,
and the evil person out of his evil treasure
brings forth evil.

“I tell you, on the day of judgment
people will give account for
every careless word they speak,
for by your words you will be justified,
and by your words you will be condemned.”

James 3:13-16

Who is wise and understanding among you?
By his good conduct let him show his works
in the meekness of wisdom.

But if you have bitter jealousy
and selfish ambition in your hearts,
do not boast and be false to the truth.
This is not the wisdom
that comes down from above,
but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.
For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist,
there will be disorder and every vile practice.

James 3:17-18

But the wisdom from above is first pure,
then peaceable, gentle, open to reason,
full of mercy and good fruits,
impartial and sincere.

And a harvest of righteousness
is sown in peace
by those who make peace.

Philippians 3:12-15

Not that I have already obtained this
or am already perfect,
but I press on to make it my own,
because Christ Jesus has made me his own.
Brothers, I do not consider
that I have made it my own.

Philippians 3:12-15

But one thing I do:
forgetting what lies behind
and straining forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize
of the upward call of God
in Christ Jesus.

He Lives, the Great Redeemer Lives

Repeated crimes awake our fears,
And justice armed with frowns appears.
But in the Savior's lovely face
Sweet mercy smiles,
And all is peace, all is peace.

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What joy the blest assurance gives.
And now, before His Father, God,
Pleads the merit of His blood.

He lives!