



## ***15. Talking with the Lost***

The Bible teaches us great communication skills ... all useful in talking with lost people. The verses speak for themselves ... so I'll give them to you with minimum comments. Here goes.

Be ready in heart and mind. *“Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope*

*that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence,”* 1 Peter 3:15.

Don't be all mouth and no ears. *“A fool does not delight in understanding, but only in revealing his own mind,”* Proverbs 18:2.

Use your ears before your mouth. *“He who gives an answer before he hears, it is folly and shame to him,”* Proverbs 18:13.

Have quick ears, a slow mouth, and a long fuse. *“Be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger,”* James 1:19.

Think before you speak. *“The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer,”* Proverbs 15:28.

Don't argue. *"The beginning of strife is like letting out water, so abandon the quarrel before it breaks out,"*

Proverbs 17:14.

Be clever, discerning, and wise ... but not sinful. Jesus said, *"Be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves,"* Matthew 10:16.

Be a salve not a sword. *"There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing,"*

Proverbs 12:18.

Be persuasive. *"The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable,"*

Proverbs 15:2.

Give good answers. *“A man has joy in an apt answer ... He kisses the lips who gives a right answer,”* Proverbs 15:23 & 24:26.

Remember, you aren't trying to drive anyone to Jesus or argue anybody to Jesus. You are trying to gently, and convincingly persuade them to believe in Jesus.

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