**“A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life,
But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.” Proverbs 15:4, NKIV**

**“Do you see a man hasty in his words?
*There is* more hope for a fool than for him.” Proverbs 29:20, NKJV**

**“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.” Luke 6:45, NKJV**

**“A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold
In settings of silver.” Proverbs 25:11, NKJV**

**Because you might on some possible occasion want to know, or—BYMOSPOWTK, the creation of the Book of Proverbs by King Solomon was probably penned before 1000 B.C. and after 200 B.C., an approximate range of 800 years. And, according to Proverbs 1:1, 10:1, and 25:1, it was written by our wisest king, Solomon, who reigned in the 10th Century B.C. In Proverbs 25:1, we learn that some of his writings were compiled by the scribes of King Hezekiah, who himself reigned from 715-686 B.C. Dating back to 200 B.C., the Greek Septuagint also includes the Proverbs.**

**It is apparent that throughout the entirety of the Bible God regularly, relentlessly, repeatedly, recurrently, repetitively, and unremittingly warns us to “control our mouths!”**

**In fact, He constantly, continually, ceaselessly, continuously, cyclically, and incessantly warns, cautions, and counsels about the power of “the human tongue!”**

**Proverbs 21:23, NKJV, “Whoever guards his mouth and tongue
keeps his soul from troubles.”**

**Time after time, over and over, again and again, on and on, forever and ever, (Can we all agree here that “doggedly” is apropos?), our great God seeks to temper and mold and restrain our innate, corrupt natures, by alerting and advising us to “watch our language!” And, from the “horse’s mouth” -- no “smart mouth,” “foul-mouthed,” “loud mouth,”“big mouth” “bad mouthing” ‘Jaw Flapper’ has ever accomplished much in the Kingdom of God. So…instead of “flapping out of both sides of the mouth” or “putting one’s foot in one’s mouth,” why not spread God’s promises by “Word of mouth” and “run off at the mouth” about His humongous promises! Today, this “Mind Your Mouth” Monday, “mouth off,” loud and clear, about the soon-coming King!**

**“Whoever restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.” Proverbs 17:27, ESV**

**It is always, because of the Living Word…..lindi**

**Dear Lord God, please help me control my words today so that I might speak truth, love, and compassion. Guide my thoughts, and take them continually to Your Bible where there is our perfect example for our “today.” Thank You for a new day and a new week to worship, and love, and adore You! Thank You for Your Son who brings us eternal hope. For people in turmoil, I ask grace. For those in suffering, I ask comfort. For those in confusion, I ask clarity. Thank You for the cross and the great gift brought by its massive inflicted suffering. Take us further, deeper, and bolder into our mission today. Be with the “church” that it might “wake up!” Prod pastors to speak the “hard truth” to their people. Bring Your Kingdom, my Lord and Kingyou’re your precious name, Amen.**