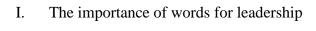
## **Leading with Words**

The majority of our leadership is exercised by communicating with people. To lead effectively we therefore need to know how to speak appropriately. How can we speak in a biblical and wise way?

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- A. James 3.1-12
- B. Besetting sins understanding yourself
  - 1. Negatively putting off
  - 2. Postively putting on
- II. Communication methods
  - A. 1 to 1
  - B. 1 to many
  - C. Email
  - D. Social media

## E. Other

- III. Practical help for speaking from Proverbs
  - A. A gold ring = correction
  - B. Gold apples in silver settings = restraint
  - C. A kiss on the lips = honesty
  - D. A sharp arrow = lying
  - E. The honeycomb = gentleness
  - F. Stoking the flames = gossip

## Questions for reflection:

- 1. What is your besetting sin when it comes to speech?
- 2. What damage might it do?
- 3. What benefit would avoiding it bring?
- 4. What are the particular methods you use to communicate and what are the strengths and weaknesses of each?

- 5. How does the gospel make a difference to speech?
- 6. How does the example of Jesus help us?

## Suggested Readings:

Windsor, Lionel. Gospel Speech Online. (Sydney, Australia: Matthias Media)