

## Measured Words

### Description

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Proverbs 10:11-21

I once heard the story of how Thomas Edison was introduced at a dinner. The Master of Ceremonies mentioned Edison's many inventions, mentioning specifically "the talking machine" as he referred to the telephone. When Edison got up to speak, the aged inventor smiled and said, "I thank the gentleman for his kind remarks, but I must insist upon a correction. God invented the talking machine. I only invented the first one that can be shut off."

Some people have a hard time shutting off the talking machine. Since we have two ears and only one mouth, some have suggested it would be wise to listen twice as much as we speak. Unfortunately, few people seem to heed that admonition. And when we fail to limit our words, our many words often get us in trouble.

Maybe it would be good for us to be reminded that we will give an account for every idle word we speak. How would that change your conversations today? Perhaps the best rule for talking is the same one carpenters use: measure twice and saw once. Let's slow down and measure our words before they are spoken.

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