

“The wise are glad to be instructed, but babbling fools fall flat on their faces.” Proverbs 10:8 NLT

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More wisdom tips from the wise guys in Solomon's court. Of course, Solomon may himself have written many, if not most of these sayings. Or Solomon's guys (because wisdom attracts wisdom) regularly wrote down his sayings. Here's one that speaks to the humble attitude of the truly wise, the posture of curiosity, the learner and the teachable (even if they are teachers themselves). Wise people love to learn! They are not know-it-all's. This presents a conundrum, they become more wise by not babbling on with MORE wisdom, but by learning from others. The fool babbles and quits learning, quits listening and can no longer be taught. And this finality of information, this pinnacle of position makes it certain that the fool will fall, and fall far from their lofty status - flat on their face. God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble! No, that's not a Raider's of the Lost Ark quote - it's Bible (Proverbs 3:34).

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pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

I really do want to be a learner and not just a babbling fool. Problem is... I like to talk too much. Apparently, according to Robin, I like to stir up trouble 😞. So although I feel like a learner and want to listen, my mouth betrays me! Dear God, Help me control my tongue please.

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root