

“The tongue of the wise makes knowledge appealing, but the mouth of a fool belches out foolishness.” Proverbs 15:2 NLT

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I've got a confession to make right up front! I'm a odd-facts junkie. Sometimes I feel like this weird Snapple-cap guy with my friends and family. It's an obsession, and I'm thinking about joining or starting a 12 step program for minutia addiction. I also love WORDS. Using them, misusing them, making up new ones. I think I got hooked on words after hearing Alfonso Arau: El Guapo say, "Would you say I have a plethora of pinatas?" in the movie Three Amigos! The point: I don't want to be THAT guy that burps and belches foolishness. I'm ok with being funny or weird, but taken to far I just become a fool (kesil - stupid fellow, dullard, fool properly, fat, i.e. (figuratively) stupid or silly). See, I did it right there! I hopped over to <https://biblehub.com> and gave you the Hebrew root word for FOOL - לִּפְּטוֹל. See, obsessive huh? I WANT to aim for appealing knowledge. I want to speak, or write, life-giving wisdom that is helpful, thoughtful, life-changing. Any fool can burp, I want to bless! (to cheesy?) These wisdom passages help me remember and focus on what is eternal as well, not just a quick quip (dang, I can't stop). Inside every guy is a trapped junior-higher that just didn't get enough words out while with friends. So, besides the rabbit-trails, you get the point, right? Think before speaking. Three words: filter, filter, filter.

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Dad,

Wow! How embarrassing. Now I have to write a prayer trying to capture the seriousness of wisdom, speaking knowledge and not burping foolishness on everyone. I wasn't like this when I started out. Somehow, the new life you gave me produced SO MUCH joy and growing confidence that I just wanted to have large quantities of FUN for the rest of my life. I do feel that sometimes seriousness is overrated and wonder where humor plays a part in heaven. And you know I see A LOT of humor in the Bible, I can't help it. I'm not sure if I'm asking for forgiveness or help with an obsession at this point. And, no, I'm not blaming you for my inappropriate, ill timed punnies. I am just enjoying you and life for a few moments this morning.

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