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Ecclesiastes 9:18, **“Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good.”**

Hopefully, no one reading this will argue with the first part of this statement. As the wise man Solomon sought wisdom, so should we. However, we need to do a better job with what wisdom we possess. **“One sinner destroyeth much good”** is a profound statement we all can readily understand and have seen its effects many times. Statements like *“one rotten apple will spoil the hold barrel”* come to mind as it doesn't take very much evilness, unkind words, sharp tongues, or knives in the back, to destroy friendships, families, and even churches. Freedom of speech does not give anyone the right to speak their mind at the expense of others. Stop before you speak and consider the consequences by using a little wisdom in your words and actions. David spoke of this in Psalm 52:2, **“The tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.”** The individual who just speaks without considering the consequences is foolish in their actions. How do we combat this from happening to us? How do we make sure we use wisdom before hurting others with our words and actions? Consider James 1:5 for the answer, **“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given to him.”** Don't be one that **“destroyeth much good”**, but rather be one that asks God for wisdom and then uses it liberally. Think About It!