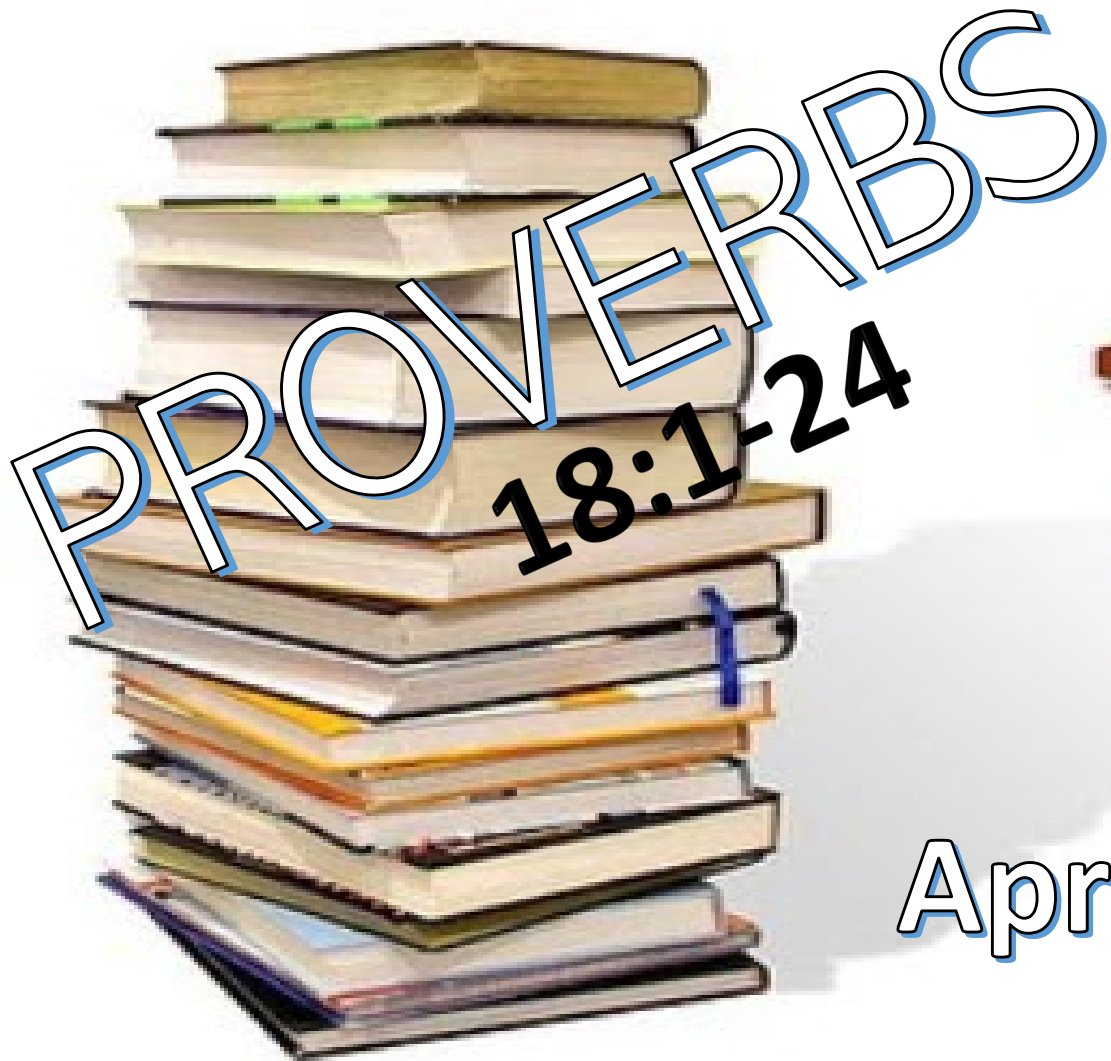


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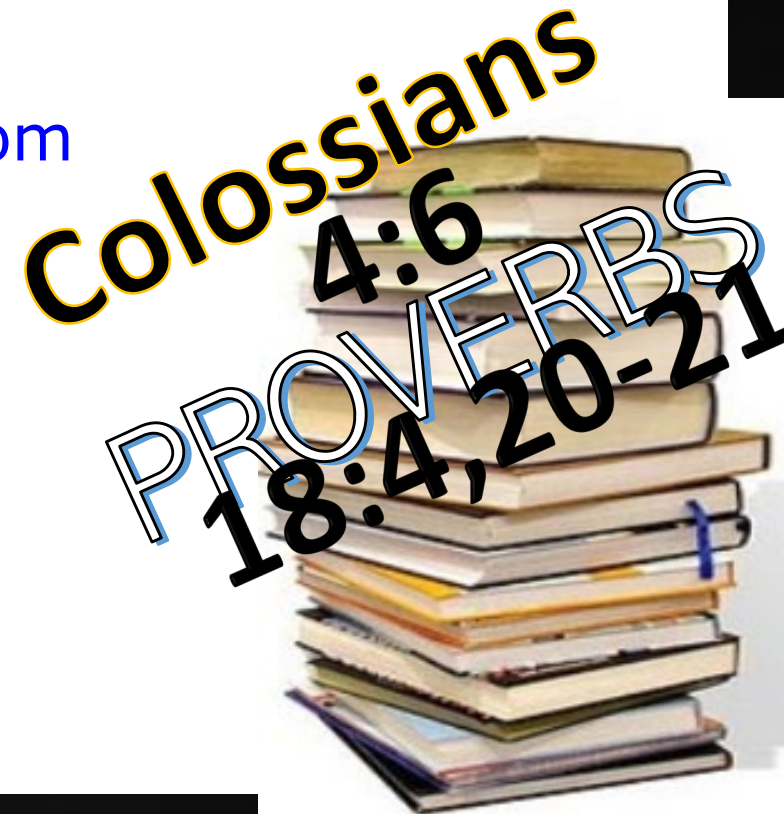
**Three Things
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What Solomon is talking about in Proverbs 18.

Proverbs 18:1-24

1. Avoid sinful attitudes and speech (vv. 1-8).
2. Seek security in the Lord (vv. 9-15).
3. Adhere to justice (vv. 16-19).
4. Realize the amazing power of words (vv. 20-21).
5. Know that a good spouse is a treasure, a favor from the Lord (v. 22).
6. Be merciful to the poor: Do not be like some of the rich who speak harshly to them (v. 23).
7. Develop loyal friends: One true friend is more valuable than many superficial friends (who can cause problems) (v. 24).



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Proverbs 18:4 (KJV)

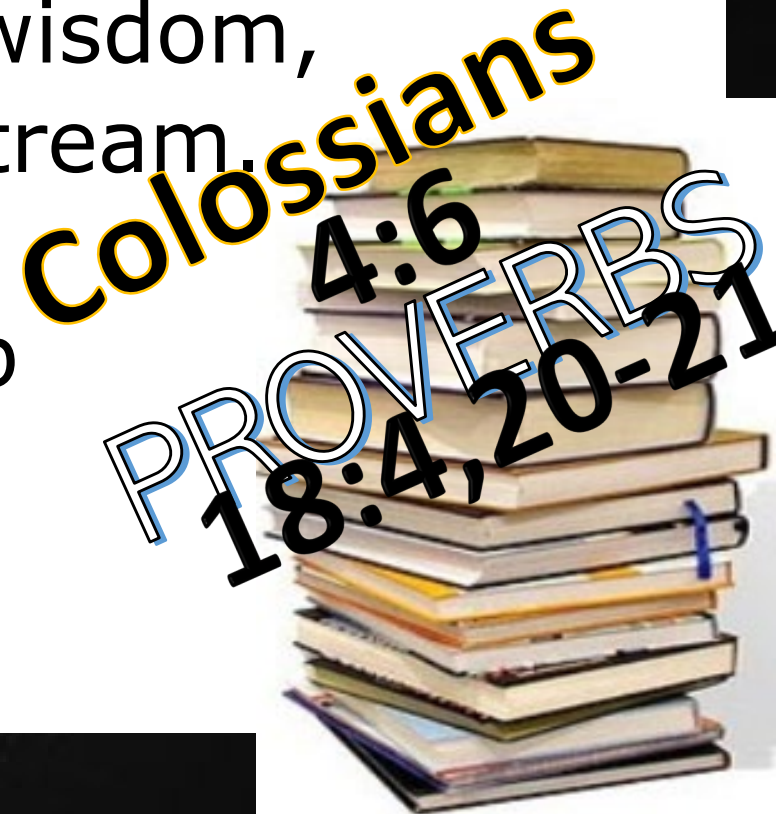
⁴ The words of a man's mouth *are as* deep waters, *and* the wellspring of wisdom *as* a flowing brook.

Proverbs 18:4 (TEV)

⁴ A person's words can be a source of wisdom, deep as the ocean, fresh as a flowing stream.

Proverbs 18:4 (NIV)

⁴ The words of a man's mouth are deep waters, but the fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook.



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Proverbs 18:20 (KJV)

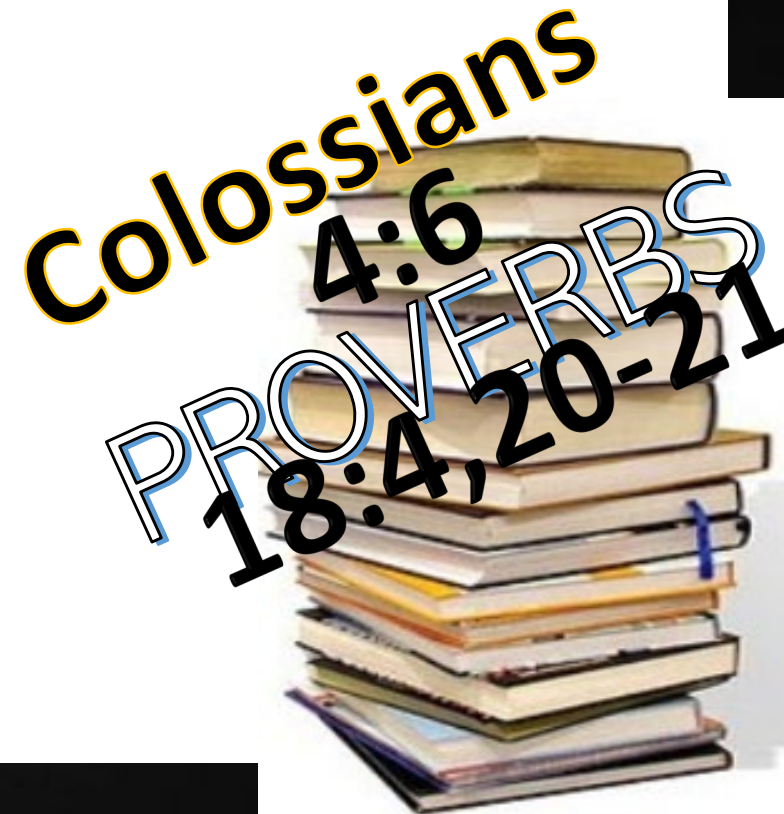
²⁰ A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; *and* with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

Proverbs 18:20 (TEV)

²⁰ You will have to live with the consequences of everything you say.

Proverbs 18:20 (NIV)

²⁰ From the fruit of his mouth a man's stomach is filled; with the harvest from his lips he is satisfied.



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Proverbs 18:21 (KJV)

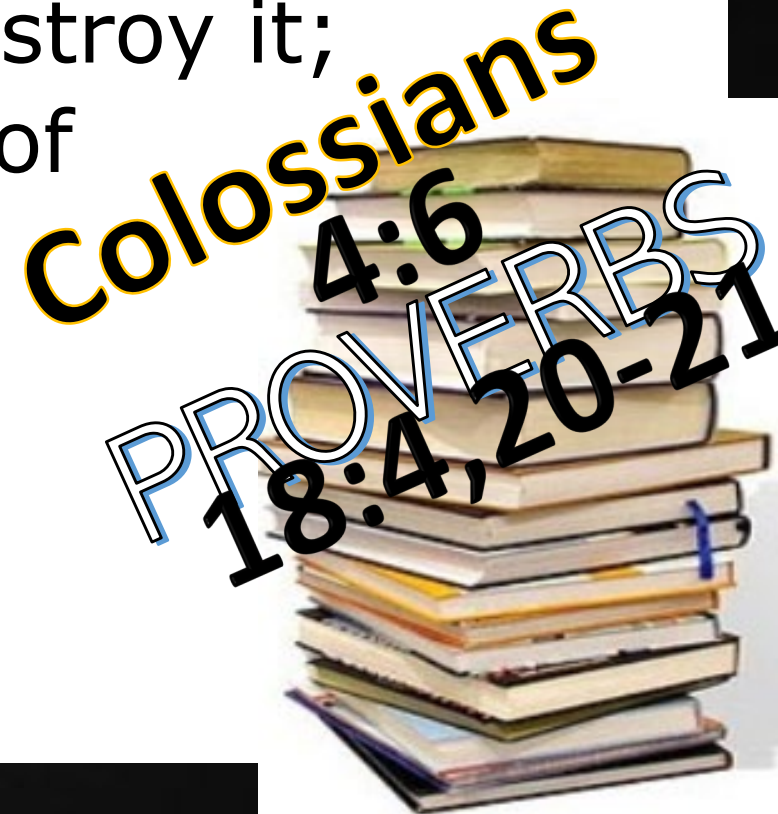
²¹ Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Proverbs 18:21 (TEV)

²¹ What you say can preserve life or destroy it; so you must accept the consequences of your words.

Proverbs 18:21 (NIV)

²¹ The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.



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Colossians 4:6 (KJV)

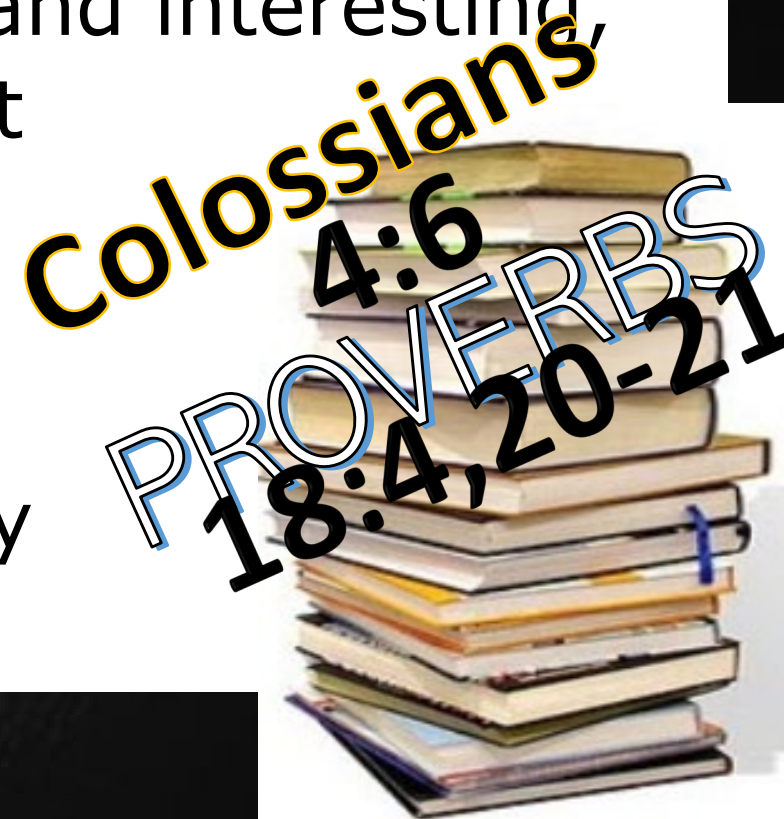
⁶ Let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Colossians 4:6 (TEV)

⁶ Your speech should always be pleasant and interesting, and you should know how to give the right answer to everyone.

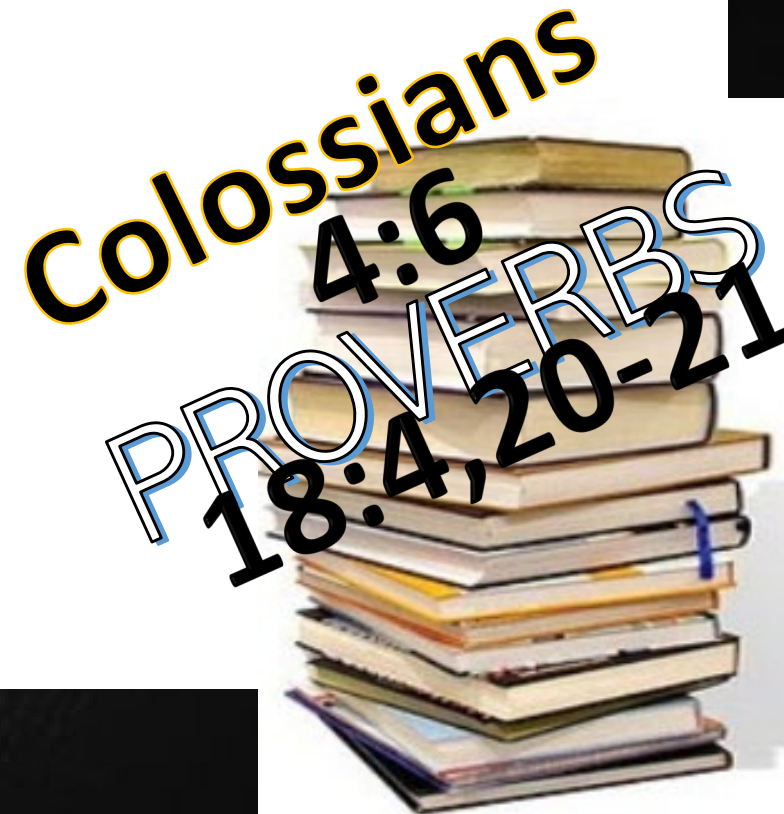
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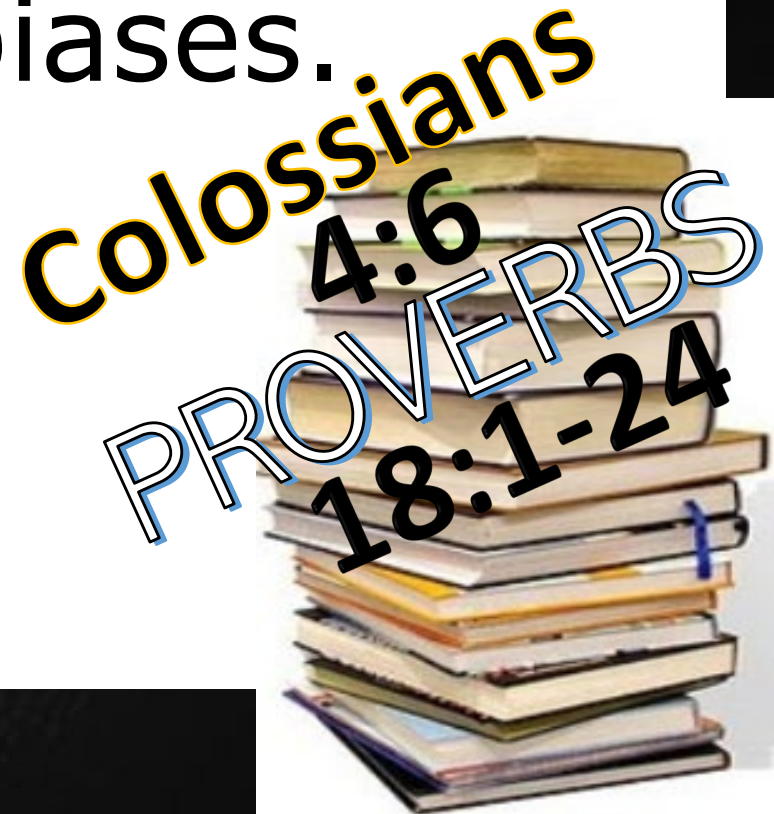
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1. Conversation needs to be about more than merely expressing your opinion.



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2. Conversation needs to be about more than confirming your biases.



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3. Conversation needs to be about more than dishing the dirt.

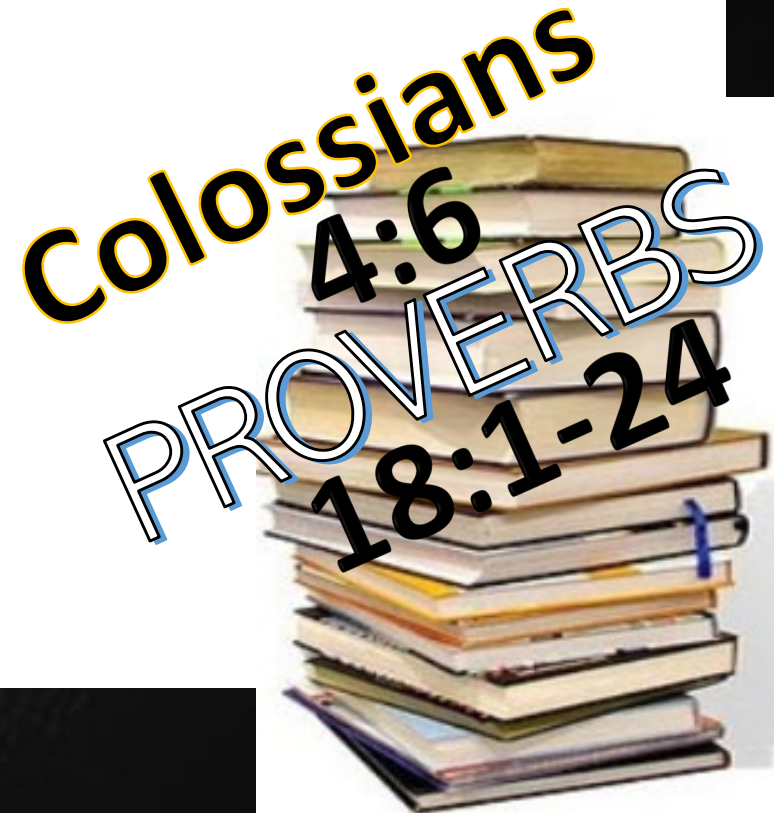


Chart a New Course in Your Conversation. HOW?



1. **Talk less.** Let others get a word in.
2. **Talk later.** Get another perspective.
3. **Talk nicer.**
Find something good to say about everyone.
And if you can't think of nothing good to say about them, refer to points one and two.

