



A Lesson In Discretion

What Is Discretion?



- Pretty obvious when it's lacking!
- It means being reserved in what we say and what we do.
- Knowing more than what you are saying.
- Subtlety in words and in actions.

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- **Proverbs 11:22** - *As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, so is a lovely woman who lacks discretion.*
- The Hebrew word has to do with "taste"

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- **Proverbs 3:21-23** - ²¹My son, let them not depart from your eyes keep sound wisdom and discretion; ²²So they will be life to your soul and grace to your neck. ²³Then you will walk safely in your way, and your foot will not stumble.

- This word means “plotting”

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The Right Thing...

- **Ephesians 4:29** - *Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.*
- **Proverbs 12:18** - *There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, but the tongue of the wise promotes health*

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The Right Thing...

- **Proverbs 25:11-12** -
¹¹A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver. ¹²Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold is a wise rebuker to an obedient ear.

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- **Proverbs 16:23-24** -
*23 The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, and adds learning to his lips.
24 Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.*

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The Right Thing...

- **Colossians 4:6** - *Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.*
- Season - not pack!
- Not too strong - not too weak.
- Are you into construction or demolition?

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The Right Thing...
At The Right Time...

- Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11
- Proverbs 15:23 - *A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, and a word spoken in due season, how good it is!*

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- Job 32

- Proverbs 17:28 - *Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; when he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive.*

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At The Right Time...

In The Right Way...

- **Proverbs 19:11** - *The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, and his glory is to overlook a transgression.*
- **Proverbs 12:16** - *A fool's wrath is known at once, but a prudent man covers shame.*

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In The Right Way...

- **Proverbs 17:27** - *He who has knowledge spares his words, and a man of understanding is of a calm spirit.*
- **1 Samuel 25**
- **Psalms 103:10** - *He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities.*

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- **Ecclesiastes 7:20-22** -
20 For there is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin.
21 Also do not take to heart everything people say, lest you hear your servant cursing you. 22 For many times, also, your own heart has known that even you have cursed others.
- **Matthew 18**



**ARE YOU
DISCREET?**