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and those who love it will eat its fruits.
- 18:13 If one gives an answer before he hears,
it is his folly and shame.
- 18:2 A fool takes no pleasure in understanding,
but only in expressing his opinion.
- 13:3 Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life;
he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.
- 29:20 Do you see a man who is hasty in his words?
There is more hope for a fool than for him.
- 23:9 Do not speak in the hearing of a fool,
for he will despise the good sense of your words.
- 29:9 If a wise man has an argument with a fool,
the fool only rages and laughs, and there is no quiet.
- 17:28 Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise; when
he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent.
- 11:12 Whoever belittles his neighbor lacks sense,
but a man of understanding remains silent.
- 17:27 Whoever restrains his words has knowledge, and
he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.
- 15:28 The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer,
but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

1 Peter 2:20-24

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