Proverbs 10:19 *(NIV) When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.*

Proverbs 18:2 *(MSG) Fools care nothing for thoughtful discourse; all they do is run off at the mouth.*

1 Chronicles 16:8-10 *(NLT) Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done. Sing to him; yes, sing his praises. Tell everyone about his miracles. Exult in his holy name; O worshipers of the LORD, rejoice!*

Psalms 13:5-6 *(NLT) But I trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me. I will sing to the LORD because he has been so good to me.*

****There is a wonderful contrast in these verses. The Fool is someone who does not want to hear anything but his own words. The Fool is someone who is always talking. The fool is someone whose words will lead him into sin. The fool is someone who is far from God. The fool is someone who does not think or care about what comes out of his mouth. In contrast is the person who focuses on: giving thanks to God, speaking to God, telling others about the majesty and grandeur of God. Is it any wonder that the second person is one who worships God. As this person seeks after and pursues God they have the opportunity to see God's unfailing Love and God working in their life.

PRAYER: O Lord, may the words I say come from a heart that is focused on You and You alone.

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