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My grandmother kept a plaque on her kitchen wall. The sign contained a prayer that read, "Oh Lord, fill my mouth with worthwhile stuff and nudge me when I've said enough."

How many times have you spoken and then regretted what you said? When have you responded with an emotional outburst that provoked or increased the anxiety of others, including yourself? As James writes, our tongue is a small member, but it boasts of great exploits. The words we say have the possibility to creating a blaze that grows to uncontrollable destruction.

My grandfather also kept a plaque on the kitchen wall. It was a saying attributed to Abraham Lincoln, "It is better to remain silent and thought a fool, than to speak up and remove all doubt."

When have you remained silent and then regretted not saying something? What occasions needed your words and yet you kept quiet - afraid of being called a fool? Jesus declares that those who wish to follow him must take up their cross. There are times when we must speak up to declare the foolishness of the cross as the wisdom of God that none of us can completely comprehend.

Blessings,  
Edward