

Scripture

Proverbs 18:17-24 (NLT)

- 17 The first to speak in court sounds right—
until the cross-examination begins.
- 18 Flipping a coin can end arguments;
it settles disputes between powerful
opponents.
- 19 An offended friend is harder to win back
than a fortified city.
Arguments separate friends like a gate
locked with bars.

- 20 Wise words satisfy like a good meal;
the right words bring satisfaction.
- 21 The tongue can bring death or life;
those who love to talk will reap the
consequences.
- 22 The man who finds a wife finds a treasure,
and he receives favor from the Lord.
- 23 The poor plead for mercy;
the rich answer with insults.
- 24 There are “friends” who destroy each
other, but a real friend sticks closer
than a brother.