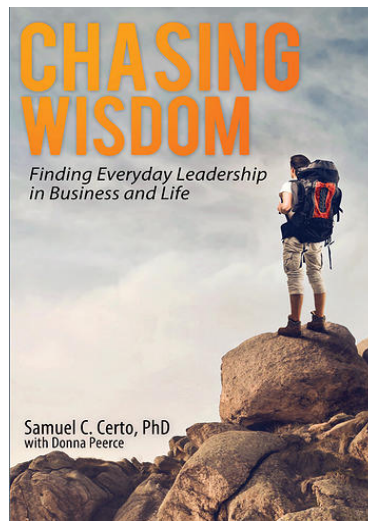


STUDY GUIDE

Chapter 2: Bridling the Tongue



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Bridling the Tongue

(Chapter 2)

Directions: You have now finished reading “Bridling the Tongue” – the second chapter in *Chasing Wisdom: Finding Everyday Leadership in Business and Life*. The following activities will help you to review and internalize key points within the chapter. Performing these activities thoughtfully will help you to chase wisdom effectively on your journey to becoming a wiser leader. You will surely enjoy the video exercise: “**Out of the Box Thinking...Russell Crowe & Robin Hood Speaks**”!

Exercise 1: Opening Verse (p. 41) – Fill in the Blanks

If anyone considers himself _____ and yet does not keep a tight rein on his _____, he deceives himself and his _____ is _____ James 1:26 (NIV)

What does this verse mean?

How can you use the meaning of this verse to help you become a wiser leader?

Exercise 2. The Flatter Chatter Adventure (p. 42)

What is the main lesson that you've learned from The Flatter Chatter Adventure about YOU becoming a wiser business leader? What are the consequences of using flattery?

Exercise 3. What is flattery? (p. 50)

Flattery is _____, _____, and _____ praise usually given to someone to promote one's own selfish good.

Describe wise leadership based upon this definition.

Exercise 4. Key Quote (p. 45)

"Think of your tongue and what you say as an apparatus - a tool - that largely determines what your life experiences will be."

What can you do to become a wiser leader based upon this quote?

Exercise 5. Question for Reflection (p. 57)

Describe a practical tactic for battling gossip that is discussed in your book. Can you think of a tactic not discussed in your book?

How do these tactics relate to YOU becoming wiser?

Exercise 6. What Else (entire chapter)

What other advice based upon this chapter would you give your best friend about how to become a wiser leader?

Exercise 7. Out of the Box Thinking: Russell Crowe & Robin Hood Speaks

“Robin Hood” is movie based upon a legendary figure of 13th century England. Robin and his band are known for confronting corruption and leading a revolt against the crown. The video highlights a powerful speech by Robin Hood, played by Russell Crowe, that masterfully incites a crowd against the king.

Click the box to see the video for this exercise:

Robin Hood Speaks

After viewing, thoughtfully respond to the following question: *What hints does the video give for bridling your tongue?*

Exercise 8. YOU and Your Chase (p. 61)

Review the “tips” in this section for becoming a wiser leader. Which “tip” seems most relevant for YOU in your business or life situation?

Why?

If you can think of a “tip” not in this section, please share it.

Exercise 9. Just a Few Facts

Fill in your answers below in the blank spaces. Check your answers on the next page.

1. _____ is speaking unfavorably about the character or reputation of someone who is not present.
2. _____ is making up or spreading something false regarding another person with the intention of ruining the reputation of that person.
3. _____ is idle talk or rumor, mostly about the intimate or private matters of another.
4. _____ means to inspire with courage, spirit, or confidence.
5. To become a wiser leader, try to keep company with others who bridle their tongues.
True _____ False _____ (mark correct answer with an "x")
6. As a leader, when bridling your tongue, don't worry much about talking too little.
True _____ False _____ (mark correct answer with an "x")
7. Wise leaders are not reluctant to talk with staff about the negative impact of gossip on organization success.
True _____ False _____ (mark correct answer with an "x")

Answers:

Exercise 1. Opening Verse: religious, tongue, religion, worthless

Exercise 3. What is Flattery? Extreme, undue, disingenuous

Exercise 9. Just a Few Facts

- 1. Backbiting (p. 51)**
- 2. Slander (p. 52)**
- 3. Gossip (p. 55)**
- 4. Encourage (p. 58)**
- 5. T (p. 63)**
- 6. F (p. 53)**
- 7. T (p. 57)**