

Proverbs 15

Opening Prayer: Father, in your Word you tell us to use our tongues for good and not evil. Please help us hear Your Word, help us apply it to our lives, to let it renew our minds and hearts. Have Your way with us Lord, mold us into the men and women you have planned us to be. Amen.

Comments/Insights: Oh my... the tongue again! The Lord has so much to say about the tongue.... And little of it good... who can tame it? But Proverbs 15 talks about a gentle answer, a wise tongue and a soothing tongue....

Basic Scripture Truth Proverbs 15:1 says: A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. Vs. 3 says “The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit. So it is saying that we can change a situation...deflect anger with a gentle tongue. We can speak life into a person. We can uplift, bring hope. Or we can choose to use words to make a situation worse, and crush a spirit.

Application to my Life ... Imagine a situation...your best friend is angry with you. She comes to talk it out. She gets angrier as it progresses. Consider these two scenarios.

1. You get angry too, defensive...your voice starts to get louder and your face redder. You tell her everything that she has ever done that made you angry.
2. You tell her that you love her and never would intend to hurt her...or anger her. That you are sorry that you have done anything to offend her.

Which scenario do you think would best restore the friendship?
Which do you think would honor the Lord?

Closing Prayer Thank you, Holy Spirit. Thank you for living within us and guarding our lives and our tongues. Heavenly Father, please help us to think before we speak, even when anger clouds our emotions. Please help us to build up when we could tear down, to speak love and life. We can't tame our tongues without You. Please speak in us and through us. In Jesus name. Amen.

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