

**PROVERBS ON THE TONGUE**  
(Proverbs 15:1, 27:6, 25:11, 22:11, 16:1)

God's Wisdom concerning our words, teaches us to...

**1) Be gentle-** Proverbs 15:1

- Soft- tender, delicate, soft; (implying weakness of undeveloped character)
  - Turns away *wrath*: venom, fire,
    - § Turns away- **protects you and them from pain**
  - **May take time**

*“Surely your brother Esau comforts himself concerning you by intending to kill you. <sup>43</sup>Now therefore, my son, obey my voice: arise, flee to my brother Laban in Haran. And stay with him a few days, until your brother's fury turns away” ~ Genesis 27: (42-44)*

- **Will take trust in God**

*“The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, like the rivers of water, he turns it wherever He wishes.”*  
Proverbs 21:1

**2) Be genuine-** Proverbs 27:6

- Faithful- trustworthy, confirmed by past proof
- Wounds- Cam Martin's shoulder
- Kisses are deceitful/excessive
  - Concerned about the person's long term progress

Galatians 6:1-5- “Bear one another's burdens” and “each one shall bear his own load”- Difference between a load and a burden?

- Harm by always helping. Dad never letting go of son on bike.

**3) Be good stewards-** Proverbs 25:11

- Value factor: What happens to the value of gold as the supply rises?
- Virtue factor- you actually lose more by not talking; but your loss becomes their gain
- Vacancy factor- fitly spoken, speak to needs. (Why the gospel matters and we should share it often)

**4) Be gracious-** Proverbs 22:11

- Purity of heart- this speaks to the root of the problem
  - 1 John 1:9- Christ alone can cleanse our hearts
- When we have experienced God's grace, we are more apt to dispense God's grace in our lives
 

*"You are My friends if you do whatever I command you".*  
~King of kings, John 15:14
- Cf. Colossians 3:16

**5) Be God-led-** Proverbs 16:1

- Cf. Ephesians 5:18-21

**May we never forget...**

*"No man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison."* ~James 3:8

**Yet may we find hope in the words of Jesus that speak truth in the realm of the tongue as well...**

*"With God all things are possible"* ~Matthew 19:26b