

## 46. PROVERBS 15 – CONTRASTS BETWEEN THE WISE AND FOOLISH.

### Their Speech. Proverbs 15:1–7

#### 1. How they \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>1</sup> A soft answer turneth away wrath: But grievous words stir up anger.

- **Contrast: To help resolve or provoke problems.**

How you speak can help to resolve \_\_\_\_\_ OR it can incite it.

The textbook **example**: Abigail vs Nabal. **1 Samuel 25**.

**Example**: Rehoboam, king Solomon's son. **1 Kings 12**

#### **Why do some people always stir up trouble?**

**Proverbs 15:18** A **wrathful** man stirreth up strife: But *he that is* slow to anger appeaseth strife.

**Proverbs 28:25** He that is of a **proud** heart stirreth up strife: But he that putteth his trust in the Lord shall be made fat.

**Proverbs 29:22** An **angry** man stirreth up strife, And a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

KEY verse: **Proverbs 13:10** Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised *is* wisdom.

<sup>2</sup> The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: But the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

- The proper \_\_\_\_\_ of truth.

#### **What is said is important.**

**Proverbs 25:11-12** A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold in pictures of silver. <sup>11</sup> A word fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold in pictures of silver.

**Psalms 59:7** Behold, they belch out with their mouth: Swords *are* in their lips: For who, *say they*, doth hear?

*Know when to keep your mouth shut.*

**Proverbs 12:23** A prudent man concealeth knowledge: But the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

**(Compare 13:16; 14:33)**

*Does what I'm about to say \_\_\_\_\_?*

**Ephesians 4:29** Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

#### **\_\_\_\_\_ to speak truth is important!**

**Proverbs 15:23** A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: And a word *spoken* in due season, how good ***is it!***

<sup>3</sup> The eyes of the Lord *are* in every place, Beholding the evil and the good.

- **That God sees everything – Contrast: comfort vs. warning.**

*(Job 31:4; 34:21; Ps. 11:4; Jer. 16:17; 17:10; Zech. 4:10)*

**Proverbs 5:21** For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the Lord, And he pondereth all his goings.

**Job 34:21-22** For his eyes *are* upon the ways of man, And he seeth all his goings. <sup>22</sup> *There is* no darkness, nor shadow of death, Where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

**Hebrews 4:13** Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

**Matthew 12:36** But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

This fact should be \_\_\_\_\_ for God's people.

**2 Chronicles 16:9** For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart *is* perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

<sup>4</sup> A wholesome tongue *is* a tree of life: But perverseness therein *is* a breach in the spirit.

- **Contrast: (again) Life giving vs corrupting speech.**

Note: 'a tree of life'

**Proverbs 16:24** Pleasant words *are as* an honeycomb, Sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

Review: \_\_\_\_\_ is a tree of life.

**Proverbs 3:18** She *is* a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: And happy *is every one* that retaineth her.

Its \_\_\_\_\_ can be manifest in the life of the believer!

**Proverbs 11:30** The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; And he that winneth souls *is* wise.

**Proverbs 13:12** Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: But *when* the desire cometh, *it is* a tree of life.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the tree of life.

**Revelation 2:7** He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

**NOTE:** A \_\_\_\_\_ tongue was the root cause of \_\_\_\_\_ off THE tree of life in the beginning.

**Genesis 3:22–24** And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: <sup>23</sup> Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. <sup>24</sup> So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

**Why?**

**James 3:6** And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

**Proverbs 12:18** There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: But the tongue of the wise *is* health.

**Proverbs 18:8** The words of a talebearer *are* as wounds, And they go down into the innermost parts of the belly. *This proverb repeats in Proverbs 26:22*

**Proverbs 18:14** The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; But a wounded spirit who can bear?

The words of a talebearer *are* as wounds, And they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

**Psalm 52:2–4** Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully. <sup>3</sup> Thou lovest evil more than good; *And* lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah. <sup>4</sup> Thou lovest all devouring words, *O thou* deceitful tongue.

## 2. How they listen and follow \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>5</sup> A fool despiseth his father's instruction: But he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

**Proverbs 1:7** The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of knowledge: *But* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**Proverbs 10:1** The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: But a foolish son *is* the heaviness of his mother.

**Proverbs 12:15** The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes: But he that hearkeneth unto counsel *is* wise.

**Proverbs 13:1** A wise son *heareth* his father's instruction: But a scorner heareth not rebuke.

**Proverbs 13:18** Poverty and shame *shall be to him that refuseth instruction: But he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.*

**Contrast:** Absalom vs Solomon

**2 Samuel 15:1–6; 1 Chronicles 22:11–13; 28:9; 28:20**

We, as God's children, need instruction and rebuke!

**Proverbs 15:31-32** The ear that heareth the reproof of life Abideth among the wise. <sup>32</sup> He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: But he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.

**Proverbs 1:23** Turn you at my reproof: Behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

**Proverbs 19:20** Hear counsel, and receive instruction, That thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.

**Proverbs 25:12** As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, *So is a wise reprover upon an obedient ear.*

**Titus 1:13** This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;

**Titus 2:15** These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

<sup>6</sup> In the house of the righteous *is* much treasure: But in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

**Proverbs 15:16** Better *is* little with the fear of the Lord Than great treasure and trouble therewith.

**Proverbs 13:22** A good *man* leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: And the wealth of the sinner *is* laid up for the just.

**Proverbs 21:20** *There is* treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; But a foolish man spendeth it up.

**Hebrews 11:26** Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

**Proverbs 16:8** Better *is* a little with righteousness Than great revenues without right.

**Psalms 37:16** A little that a righteous man hath *is* better than the riches of many wicked.

**Ecclesiastes 4:6** Better *is* an handful *with* quietness, than both the hands full *with* travail and vexation of spirit.

What do the righteous actually have? \_\_\_\_\_

Those who love the riches of this world end up with loss and hurt.

**Ecclesiastes 5:10–14** He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this *is* also vanity. <sup>11</sup> When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good *is there* to the owners thereof, saving the beholding *of them* with their eyes? <sup>12</sup> The sleep of a labouring man *is* sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep. <sup>13</sup>

There is a sore evil *which* I have seen under the sun, *namely*, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt. <sup>14</sup> But those riches perish by evil travail: and he begetteth a son, and *there is* nothing in his hand.

**James 5:1–3** Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. <sup>2</sup> Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup> Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

<sup>7</sup> The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: But the heart of the foolish *doeth* not so.

**How?**

**Psalms 119:13** With my lips have I declared All the judgments of thy mouth.

**Psalms 37:30** The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, And his tongue talketh of judgment.

**Psalms 71:15–18** My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness *And* thy salvation all the day; For I know not the numbers *thereof*. <sup>16</sup> I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, *even* of thine only. <sup>17</sup> O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: And hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. <sup>18</sup> Now also when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not; Until I have shewed thy strength unto *this* generation, *And* thy power to every one *that* is to come.

**Psalms 78:2–6** I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: <sup>3</sup> Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us. <sup>4</sup> We will not hide *them* from their children, Shewing to the generation to come The praises of the Lord, and his strength, And his wonderful works that he hath done. <sup>5</sup> For he established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which he commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children: <sup>6</sup> That the generation to come might know *them*, even the children *which* should be born; *Who* should arise and declare *them* to their children:

**Ecclesiastes 12:9-10** And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, *and* set in order many proverbs. <sup>10</sup> The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and *that which* was written was upright, *even* words of truth.

**Matthew 10:27** What I tell you in darkness, *that* speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, *that* preach ye upon the housetops.

**Mark 16:15** And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

**Ephesians 4:29** Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

**2 Timothy 2:2** And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

#### **The heart is everything!**

**Proverbs 4:23–24** Keep thy heart with all diligence; For out of it *are* the issues of life. <sup>24</sup> Put away from thee a froward mouth, And perverse lips put far from thee.

#### **The heart of the foolish \_\_\_\_\_ their mouth.**

**Matthew 12:34** O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

**James 3:6** And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.