



Parental Guidance through Proverbs  
Proverbs 15:1-8, 18:21 - August 25, 2019

### STICKS & STONES & the TONGUE

a.k.a. -- the power of WORDS

for EVIL: Matthew 12:37 / Proverbs 12:18, 25, 16:27, 18:21  
gossip/slander/anger/lies/flattery/impulsiveness  
Proverbs 15 (vs 1) a harsh word stirs up anger  
(vs 4) a perverse tongue breaks the spirit

### WATCHING your words / TAMING your tongue

for GOOD: Proverbs 10:11, 16:24, 21:23, 25:11-12  
(vs 1) "A soft answer turns away wrath..."  
(vs 2) "The tongue of the wise commends knowledge..."  
(vs 4) "a gentle tongue is a tree of life..."  
(vs 7) "The lips of the wise spread knowledge..."  
(vs 8) "...the prayer of the upright is acceptable to (God)"

A soft answer turns away wrath,  
but a harsh word stirs up anger. (15:1)  
Death and life are in the power of the tongue,  
and those who love it will eat its fruits. (18:21)

A Godly tongue will:

1. Spread God's WISDOM
2. Bring HEALING