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## The Clash of Words: Power and Peace

### Proverbs 15:1-7

#### Series Summary

All of us have blind spots in our lives, that is, areas that we don't notice or that we tend to downplay. But these small and seemingly harmless blind spots can have disastrous results in terms of our relationship with God and with others if they go unchecked. The good news is that God, through His grace, power, and mercy, is able to open our eyes to our blind spots and equip us to renew our walk with Him in love and obedience.

#### Main Text

**Proverbs 15:1-7**(ESV) – <sup>1</sup>A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. <sup>2</sup>The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly. <sup>3</sup>The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good. <sup>4</sup>A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit. <sup>5</sup>A fool despises his father's instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is prudent. <sup>6</sup>In the house of the righteous there is much treasure, but trouble befalls the income of the wicked. <sup>7</sup>The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so the hearts of fools.

**Big Idea – Be Wise With Your Words...Honor the Lord, Honor Others**

#### Three Lessons Learned in Being Wise With Your Words

##### Lesson #1 – Foster Fortitude: Be Patient and Self-Controlled With Your Words

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##### Lesson #2 – Be Teachable: Learn from the Wise and Live a Life of Integrity

**Proverbs 15:4-5**(ESV) – <sup>4</sup>A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit. <sup>5</sup>A fool despises his father's instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is prudent.

##### Lesson #3 – Be Steadfast: Honor the Lord in All Your Ways and Train Others With Truth

**Proverbs 15:6-7**(ESV) – <sup>6</sup>In the house of the righteous there is much treasure, but trouble befalls the income of the wicked. <sup>7</sup>The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so the hearts of fools.

## **Memory Verse**

**Proverbs 15:1** (ESV) – A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

## **Challenge:**

You are called to consistently apply the divine principles and truths found in the Word of God. Take the next step in your study by (1) Discussing and applying the sermon with your small group, (2) Participating in a Sunday School class, or (3) Take the “31 Day Reading of Proverbs” challenge and begin reading through one Proverb per day for the next 31 days.