

Sermon Notes for June 4, 2006 A.M.

Morning: "Taming the Tongue" Proverbs 15:1-2 (Pew Bible page 571)
(Parenting by the Proverbs)

The book of Proverbs is a parenting manual to teach our children godly wisdom. Nothing receives more attention in the Proverbs than **the wise use of our tongue** and the words we speak. From chapters 12 to 18 our words are mentioned in forty-one verses. A Proverb is a one sentence sermon to strengthen the soul. Nothing will strengthen your child's soul and you more than the challenge of taming the tongue!

I. The **Treasures** in the Tongue— "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life." Proverbs 15:4

- The Treasure of **Calming** Storms— "A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger." Proverbs 15:1
- The Treasure of **Cheering** Souls— "A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word spoken in due season, how good it is!" Proverbs 15:22 "Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the bones." Proverbs 16:24
- The Treasure of **Cleaning** the Spirit— "The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord, but the words of the pure are pleasant. . . . The answer of the tongue is from the Lord." Proverbs 15:26, 16:1

II. The **Troubles** from the Tongue— "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." Proverbs 18:21

- **Lying** Words— "The truthful lip shall be established forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment." Proverbs 12:19, 22; 6
- **Gossip** Words— "The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, and they go down into the inmost body." Proverbs 18:8, 16:28, 12:18, 10:12
- **Provoking** Words— "The soul of the unfaithful feeds on violence." Proverbs 13:2 "A harsh word stirs up anger." Proverbs 15:1
- **Verbosity**— "Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; When he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive." Proverbs— 17:27-28 "In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise." Proverbs 10:19 (567)
- **Interrupting** Words— "He who answers a matter before he hears it, it is a folly and a shame to him." Proverbs 18:13

III. The **Taming** of the Tongue— "If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man and able also to bridle the whole body . . . But the tongue, no man can tame!" James 3:1, 3:8 (1072)

- The Tongue is on Fire of **Hell**—James 3:6
- The Tongue is Full of Deadly **Poison**— James 3:7
- The Tongue is Fallen in **Sin**— James 3:15

IV. The **Triumph** of the Tongue— "But the wisdom that is **from above**." James 3:17 "You must be born again (born from above)." John 3:3 (940) James 3:17 "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are made new." II Corinthians 5:17 (1028) "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer." Psalm 19:14 (489)