

A Word Fitly Spoken

Introduction:

I heard a story about a friend of the bride who was not able to attend the wedding, so he sent a card of greeting which was read at the reception after the ceremony. It should have included the reference 1 John 4:18 -- "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear". However the "1" was accidentally omitted. So a Bible was fetched and the best man read out the verse on the card -- John 4:18, "The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband".

Scripture is meaningful, but only when it is appropriate. Satan used scripture while trying to tempt Jesus, but Jesus was able to recognize that the verses he used were quoted out of context.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Proverbs 25:11

Like apples of gold in settings of silver is a word spoken in right circumstances. (Not just what you say...how say it... I'm sorry you're so stupid...)

Prov 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. (Argument, Harsh words, body language...roll eyes, sigh...tap, tap...)

Prov 15:23 A man has joy in an apt answer, and how delightful is a timely word! (while working at Ohse in Wichita, as a young supervisor an older employee named Tindel became angry and pulled a knife on me, he was going to be fired but told us about the troubles he had had and asked forgiveness.... I asked that they keep him and said I could still work with him...he became my best most reliable employee.)

Prov 24:26 He kisses the lips who gives a right answer. (What does it feel like when you get a kiss? Dog? Uncle/Rel, Spouse... Rom 16:16)

Ecc 12:10

The Preacher sought to find delightful words and to write words of truth correctly. Truthfully, SOUGHT, takes work...write TRUTH correctly!

Isa 50:4

The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of disciples, That I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.

(two ears, one mouth...that statement made me want to cut off one ear....)

Prov 22:17-18

Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, And apply your mind to my knowledge; 18 For it will be pleasant if you keep them within you, That they may be ready on your lips.

Prov 16:24

Pleasant words are a honeycomb, Sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

Prov 18:20

With the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach will be satisfied; He will be satisfied with the product of his lips.

Prov 15:2

The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable, But the mouth of fools spouts folly.

Prov 10:20

The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver, The heart of the wicked is worth little.

Ps 37:30

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, And his tongue speaks justice.

Col 4:6

Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

Eph 4:29

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

May God's Word speak to you in a meaningful way today.