

A GODLY LEADER IS LED BY GOD'S WORD

Family Devotion — Lesson 62

MEMORY VERSE — PROVERBS 15:1

“A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.”

- A soft answer or response to someone is not always easy. Responding with patience and grace will prevent a person from getting angry or furious. Using grievous, severe, or reactive words will usually stir up anger.
- Every leader must know the importance of words and controlling his tongue.
- A person who can control his words is a person who can control his body. “If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body” (James 3:2).
- A godly leader is one who edifies others and administers grace. In order to do this he must surrender his tongue to the Lord. “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” (Eph. 4:29).
- When we think on the word of God and allow it to dwell in our hearts, it will affect what comes out of our mouths. “For of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh” (Lk. 6:45).
- “Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man” (Col. 4:6).

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- Have you ever had corrupt communication come out of your mouth? How could you have prevented it?
- How does our Lord use words to encourage us to follow Him? See John 10:27-30 and Matthew 11:28-30.
- Have you ever been angry with the way someone spoke to you? Explain.



PRAYER TIME

- Ask God to help you control your words.
- Pray for your pastor to use the right words with his preaching and teaching.



CHALLENGE

- Be extra careful this week to use words that honor your father and mother.