

Discussion questions for “Sticks and Stones May Break My Bones, but Words. . .”

Questions for Pastor Beau? Contact him on Facebook or at beau.stanley@gracebrethren.org.

- Describe some of the people you know who speak wisely.
- Do you think that having a certain personality type makes a man or woman more prone to struggle with speaking wisely?
- What are some types of situations in which it is generally accepted for a person to speak with harshness and anger rather than with a cool head? How might applying the wisdom of Proverbs 25:15, for example, change the way people handle and experience such situations?
- Review the blog post at <http://thefrontieratgrace.com/2011/02/07/7-ways-to-encourage-a-hurting-friend/>. Which of the principles of wise speech underlie these seven principles for helping a hurting friend? How so?
- Which of the principles of wise speech do you struggle with most? Which is easiest for you to follow? Which principles of wise speech do you see embodied in the speech of those closest to you?
- What are some biblical examples of people who spoke wisely or foolishly? What were the results of their speech?
- What are some examples from your own life or the lives of those close to you in which words had a great impact on a person and/or on people other than the one who spoke the words?
- What is the relationship between what we say and what is in our hearts? Consider Luke 6:43–45.
- What is the role of the Holy Spirit in guarding our speech? How can we experience His power in this aspect of our lives?