**Living Wisely – Pr. 15**

Pro. 4:4 – *let your heart hold fast my words, keep my commandments and live*

Jer. 32:33 – *they have turned their back to Me, and not their face, though I taught them, teaching them again and again, they would not listen and receive instruction*

James 1:23 – *but prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves*

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 corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace to the hearers*

**Focal Truth: The righteous speak and listen to wise words**

**Observations**

1. **The healing value of wise words**
2. Wise words are gentle – 15:1
3. Wise words are soothing – 15:4
4. Wise words bring joy – 15:23
5. Wise words are delightful – 15:23
6. Wise words are pleasant – 15:26
7. Wise words are good news – 15:30
8. **The advising value of wise words**
9. Wise words make knowledge acceptable – 15:2
10. Wise words spread knowledge – 15:7
11. Wise words give counsel for success – 15:22
12. **The foolishness of foolish words**
13. Foolish words are harsh – 15:1
14. Foolish words spout folly – 15:2
15. Perverse words crush the spirit – 15:4
16. Foolish words feed on folly – 15:14
17. Foolish words speak evil – 15:28
18. **The foolishness of ignoring wise words**
19. The fool does not love the one who reproves him – 15:12
20. **The wisdom of wise words**
21. The righteous ponder how to answer – 15:28
22. **The wisdom of listening to wise words**
23. The wise listen to life – giving reproof – 15:31
24. The wise listen to reproof & gain understanding – 15:32

**Things to Remember**

**Pr. 12:17 – 19**

*He who speaks truth tells what is right, but a false witness, deceit. There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. Truthful lips will be established forever, but a lying tongue only for a moment.*