

# Talkin' Politics

"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." Proverbs 15:1  
(English Standard Version)

Christians are to live by a \_\_\_\_\_ than the world.

## A Firebrand In Satan's Hand

- A. A firebrand is "a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ wood". As a figure of speech it points to one who causes \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. James 3 - Inspired counsel on the use of our words:
1. 3:5 - A \_\_\_\_\_ fire can set \_\_\_\_\_ a great \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. 3:6 - The \_\_\_\_\_ is a fire, a world of \_\_\_\_\_.  
It is set on fire by \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. 3:7,8 - \_\_\_\_\_ one can \_\_\_\_\_ the tongue; it is full of \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. 3:9-12 - With the same tongue do we \_\_\_\_\_ God and \_\_\_\_\_ people? This \_\_\_\_\_ not to be so!
  5. 3:13 - We show that we are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by our good \_\_\_\_\_.
  6. 3:14-18 - We are guided either by \_\_\_\_\_ "wisdom", or by "the \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_".

## Inspired Instruction In The Use Of Words

- A. Proverbs 15 - Solomon's wisdom about words:
1. 15:1 - A \_\_\_\_\_ word will \_\_\_\_\_ up anger.
  2. 15:4 - A \_\_\_\_\_ tongue is a \_\_\_\_\_ of life.
  3. 15:18 - One who is \_\_\_\_\_ to anger \_\_\_\_\_ contention.
  4. 15:28 - The righteous will \_\_\_\_\_ how to answer, while the \_\_\_\_\_ of the wicked \_\_\_\_\_ out \_\_\_\_\_ things.
  5. 15:32,33 - Are we receptive to the \_\_\_\_\_'s \_\_\_\_\_?
- B. Other statements about carefully using words:
1. Proverbs 10:19 - New Century Version: "If you talk a \_\_\_\_\_, you are \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_".
  2. Ephesians 4:31,32 - Bitterness, wrath, etc. is to be put \_\_\_\_\_. We should be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, etc.
  3. Romans 12:21 - We must overcome \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Matthew 12:36,37 - Our \_\_\_\_\_ will either \_\_\_\_\_ us or \_\_\_\_\_ us.

Matthew 5:9 - "\_\_\_\_\_ are the \_\_\_\_\_"!

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