

## Is your tongue under control?

### Seven Tongue Principles

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#### Introduction

*Ephesians 4:29*

*Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth,  
but what is good for necessary edification,  
that it may impart grace to the hearers.*

#### Seven Tongue Principles

##### **1. A soft answer turns away wrath.**

a. A harsh word stirs up anger.

b. A soft answer turns away wrath.

##### **2. The wise man uses his tongue in a desirable way.**

a. A wise man will have a wise tongue.

b. Words just gush out of a fool's mouth.

##### **3. Words can be a source of strength and growth.**

a. A wholesome tongue is a tree of life.

b. An evil tongue breaks the spirit.

“Sticks and stones may break my bones,  
but words will never hurt me.”

Matthew Henry

“Hard words indeed break no bones,  
but many a heart has been broken by them.”

##### **4. Wise people share helpful facts.**

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b. Fools don't share helpful facts.

Principle – Your words reveal what is in your heart.

##### **5. Seek before you speak.**

a. A person who has discernment seeks more knowledge.

b. A fool feeds on his folly.

##### **6. Timely words are beneficial.**

If we speak the right thing at the right time –

a. it brings joy to the speaker

b. it is good to the hearer

Matthew Henry

“Many a good word comes short of doing  
the good it might have done,  
for want of being well-timed.”

##### **7. A righteous person carefully considers his answer.**

a. A righteous person weighs his words before he answers.

b. A fool gushes out evil words.

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~ Pastor Mark D. Montgomery