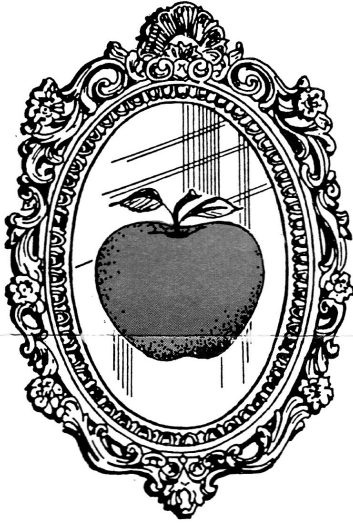


A Beautiful Picture

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

Proverbs 25:11



Introduction:

Our verse for consideration is translated by several versions to read:

“Timely advice is as lovely as golden apples in a silver bucket.”

“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.”

Proverbs 25:11 is dealing with COMMUNICATION. We speak an average of 20,000 words a day, some of course speak much more. Like someone said, *“some speak like they had been vaccinated with a phonograph needle.”* I had a card once which read, *“Don’t speak unless you can improve on the silence.”*

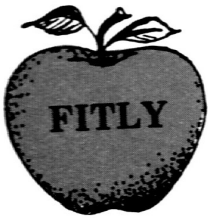
Some great quotes for us to remember:

*“If your lips would keep from slips,
Five things observe with care:
Of whom you speak,
to whom you speak,
And how, and when, and where.”*

THINK!

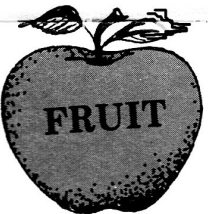
*“If I stop to think before I speak,
I won’t have to worry afterward
about what I said before.”*

Note again Proverbs 25:11

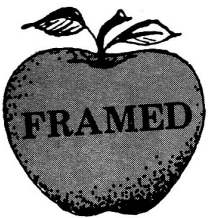


- Yes, a word fitly spoken is refreshing.
- A word fitly spoken is a word timely given.
- Note Proverbs 21:23

*“Whoso keepeth his mouth
and his tongue
keepeth his soul
from troubles.”*



- Well chosen words come welcome as fresh fruit – apples. There are all kinds of apples--wormy apples, rotten apples, tart apples. Your choice and mine would, of course, be for unspoiled, delicious, enjoyable apples.
- What kind of fruit comes out of our mouths? -- Rotten, wormy, tart fruit?
- Choose words pleasing to our Lord.



- We get a picture window look of one another’s hearts through the words we use.
- God-honoring words come like valuable gold, enjoyable as fresh fruit, pleasant to listen to, like looking at an attractive piece of beaten metal work of silver.

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