

A Soft Answer

Proverbs 15:1-4

1. What this doesn't teach
 - a. Submission
 - b. Avoidance
 - a. Passivity
2. What it does teach
 - a. A misused tongue has incredible power to destroy
 - b. A gentle tongue has incredible power to heal and nourish
3. How we can do it
 - a. Humility and empathy
 - b. Strength and sacrifice
 - c. Love that seeks reconciliation
4. How it was done for us
 - a. Jesus faced the just wrath of God and replied by submitting to death
 - b. His gentle answer was, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do"

Three Takeaways:

1. Do I need to repent of my need to defend my wounded pride or get vengeance on hurt feelings?
2. How can I pursue peace in all my relationships?
3. How will I use my tongue to bless and nourish other?