**A Soft Answer**

Proverbs 15:1-4

1. What this doesn’t teach
	1. Submission
	2. Avoidance
	3. Passivity
2. What it does teach
	1. A misused tongue has incredible power to destroy
	2. A gentle tongue has incredible power to heal and nourish
3. How we can do it
	1. Humility and empathy
	2. Strength and sacrifice
	3. Love that seeks reconciliation
4. How it was done for us
	1. Jesus faced the just wrath of God and replied by submitting to death
	2. 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?