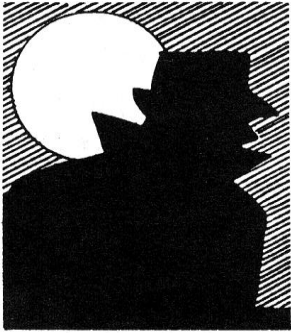


# The Greatest Assassin of All Time - (Proverbs 15)



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## INTRODUCTION:

The Book of Proverbs covers a wide range of subjects. It deals much with points to drive home truth. A proverb is a short saying expressing a truth. Our title has to do with an assassin. Who is it? The dictionary definition of an assassin is "a person who kills secretly or treacherously." Are we talking about the Boston strangler? Speck who killed eight nurses? Gacy who murdered over 30 young men? NO!

The greatest assassin of all time, the greatest killer of all time is the **TONGUE**. The book of Proverbs deals much with the subject of the tongue. Note some quotes about the tongue by various individuals in history:

"Give not thy tongue too great liberty, lest it take thee prisoner." - Quarles

"Your tongue weighs practically nothing, so how come you can't hold on to it?" - Anon.

"Put skid-chains on the tongue." - Anon.

Let's look at Proverbs 15 and our subject matter at hand.

### I. Soft Words: 15:1

"A soft answer turneth away wrath..."

- ◆ Someone said, "speak when you're angry and you'll make the best speech you'll ever regret."
- ◆ "Use soft words, you may have to eat them.."
- ◆ "The emptier the pot, the quicker it boils."
- ◆ "Remember our Lord, who when He was reviled, He reviled not again, and when He suffered, He threatened not." - I Peter 2:23.
- ◆ We sing it, "I would be like Jesus."

### II. Wise Words: 15:2

"The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright..."

#### ✓ The Tongue-

- ◆ Keep it **GOD'S USE** - Prov. 21:23
  - ◆ Keep it **WHOLE SOME** - Prov. 15:4
  - ◆ Keep it **KIND** - Prov. 31:26
  - ◆ Keep it **SOFT** - Prov. 25:15
  - ◆ Keep it **BRIDLED** - James 1:26
  - ◆ Keep it **CLEAN** - James 3:10
  - ◆ Keep it **TAMED** - James 3:8
- (...and only God can tame the tongue.)
- ✓ A foolish man pours out words without thinking. A wise lady gave her recipe for success in having many friends, she said: "I stop and taste my words before I let them pass my teeth."
  - ✓ Some people say things they haven't even thought of yet like Archie Bunker.

### III. Accountable Words: 15:3

"The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good."

- ◆ "The eyes and ears of the Lord." - see Malachi 3:16
  - ◆ "May our speech be sound speech that cannot be condemned." - Titus 2:8
  - ◆ We speak on the average of 20,000 words a day and ought to keep in mind Matt. 12:37.
- "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

*The tongue has run down and killed more people than all the cars on our highways.*



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