**Characteristics of wise speech in Proverbs**

Wise speech possess the power life or death

10:21 The lips of righteous feed many…

13:14 The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life

15:4 A soothing tongue is a tree of life

18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue

Wise speech possess the power to heal

12:18 the tongue of the wise brings healing

12:25 a good word makes [an anxious heart] glad

15:30 good news puts fat on the bones

16:24 pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing the bones

Wise Speech is Gentle

15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath

15:2 The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable

16:21 Sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness

24:26 He kisses the lips who give a right answer

Wise speech is rare and valuable

15:23 A man has joy in an apt answer and how delightful is a timely word

25:11 Like apple of gold in settings of silver is a word spoken in right circumstances

Wise speech is thoughtful

15:28 The heart of the righteous ponders how to give an answer

Wise speech is sourced in wise teaching (sound doctrine)

22:17-19 Incline your hear and hear the words of the wise…that they may be ready on your lips

Wise speech comes from the heart

12:17 speech is based on character

16:23 the heart of the wise instructs his mouth (cf Matt. 12:34)