

Proverbs 18:21

*“Death and life are in
the power of the
tongue”*

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Gen 1-3

Life and death through words

“If anyone thinks himself to be religious, yet does not bridle his tongue ... this person's religion is worthless.” (James 1:26)

Prov 13:3

A guarded mouth vs. open lips

James 3:8

A restless evil; deadly poison

Matt 12:36

Will give an account for careless words

Life is in the tongue when...

*Prov 15:28 - “the heart of the righteous
ponders how to answer, But the mouth
of the wicked pours out evil things.”*

Words are
pondered

Prov 15:28 - “the heart of the righteous ponders how to answer...”

Avoid careless words



Thoughtfulness
produces restraint
Prov 10:19



Enemies of
thoughtfulness

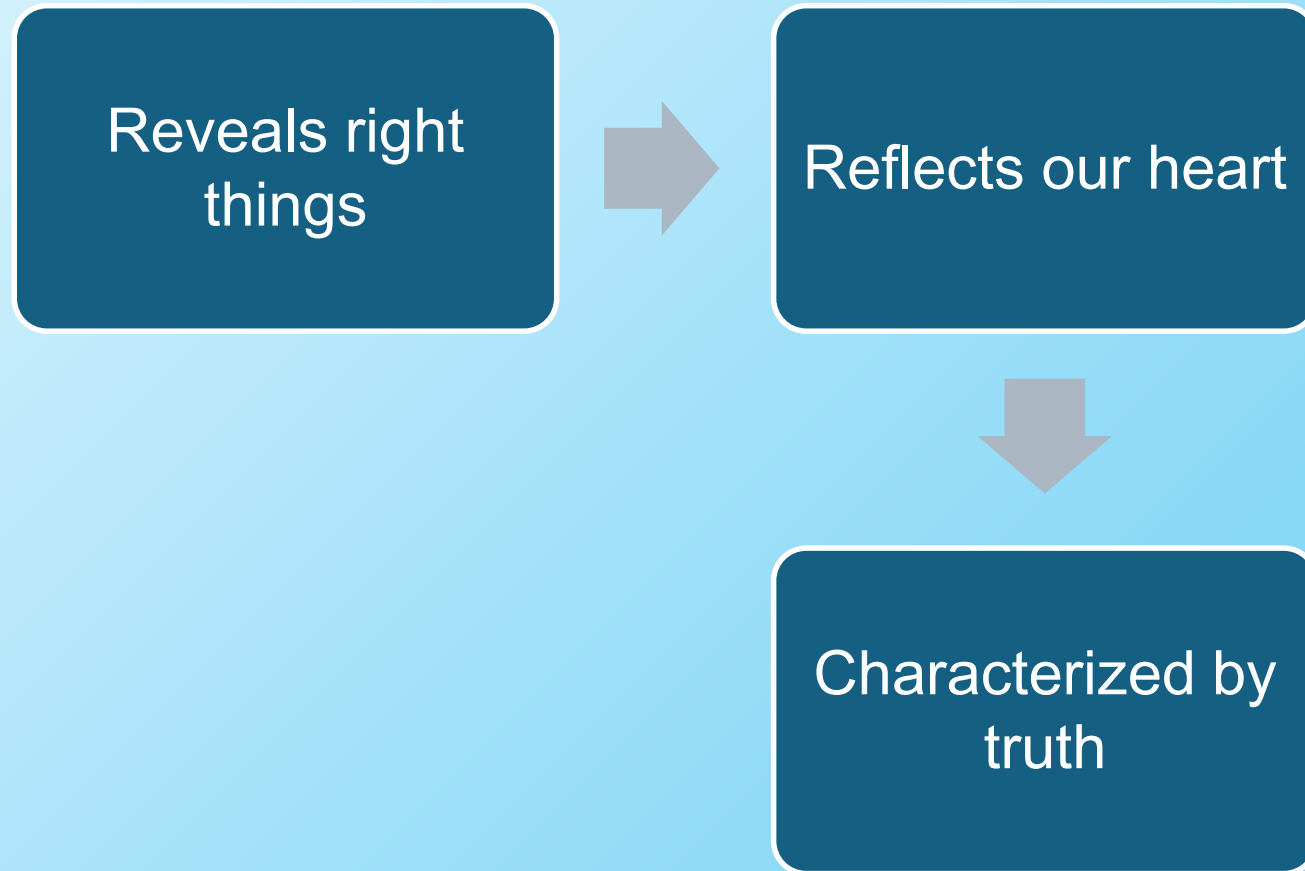
Life is in the tongue when...

words are noble

*Prov 8:6-9 – “Listen,
for I will speak **noble**
things; And the
opening of my lips will
reveal right things...”*

Words are
pondered

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Life is in the tongue when...

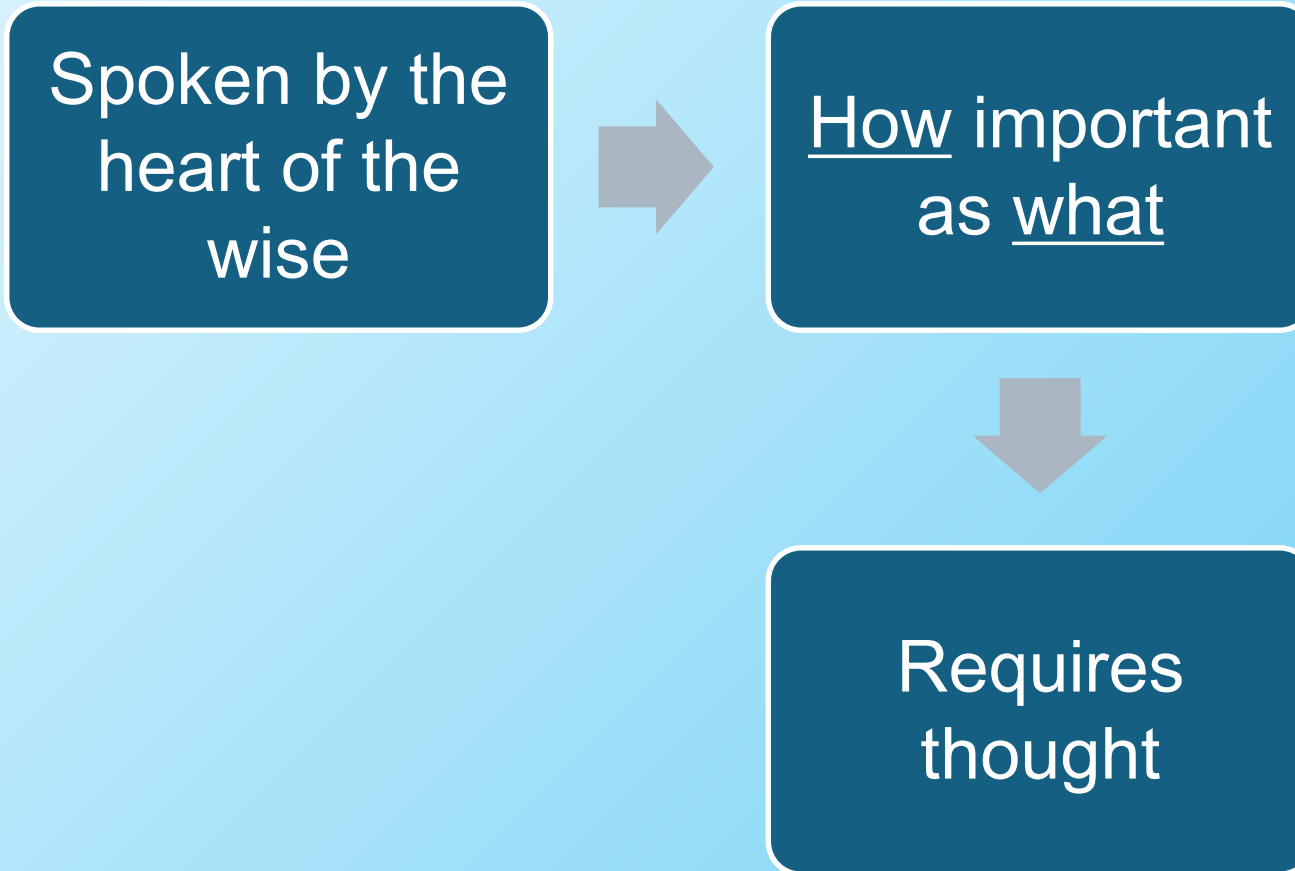
words are noble

*Prov 16:23-24 – “The heart of the wise makes his speech **judicious** and adds persuasiveness to his lips. Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.”*

words are judicious

Words are pondered

Prov 16:23-24 – “The heart of the wise makes his speech judicious...”



Life is in the tongue when...

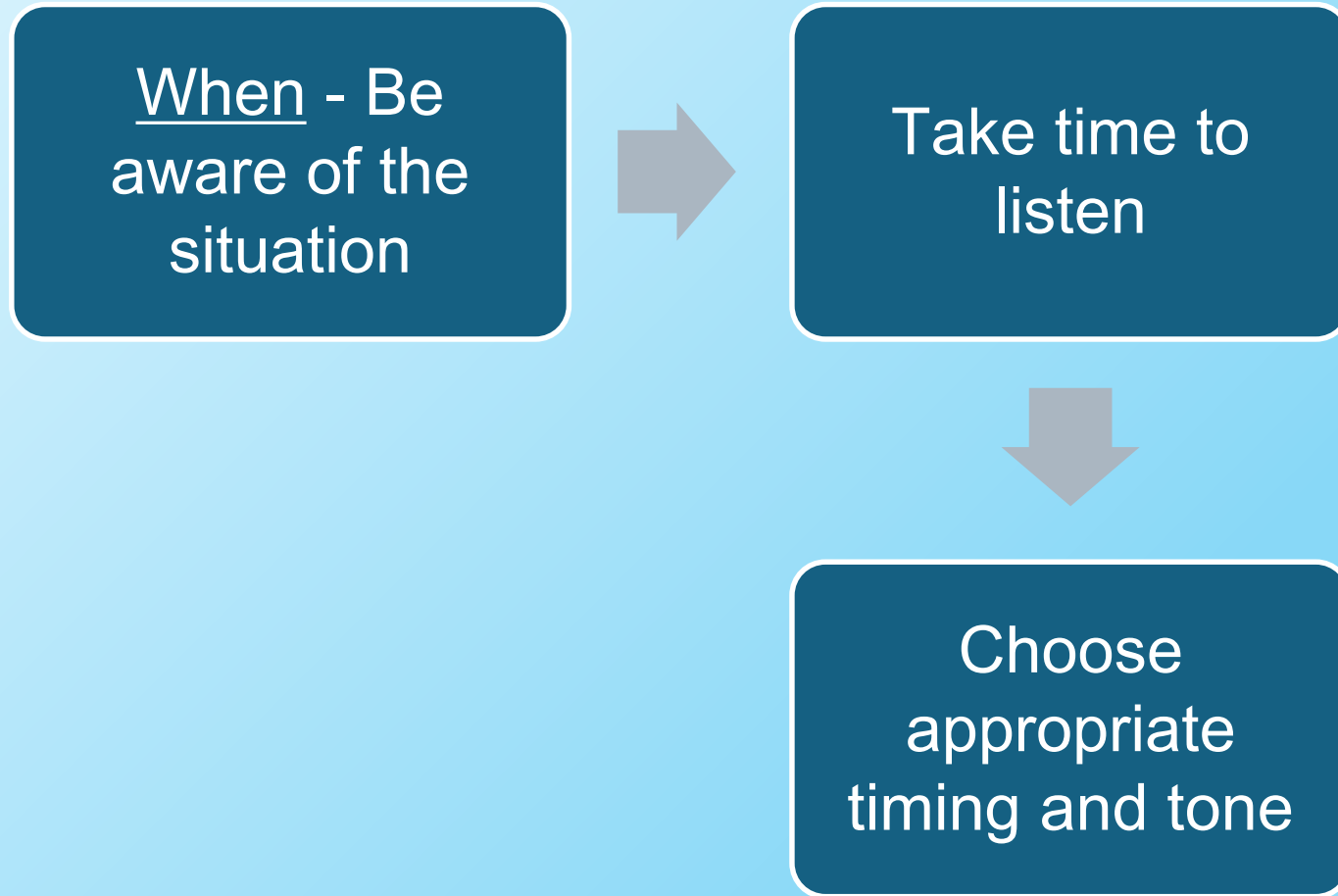
words *Prov 15:23*

*“A person has joy in an apt answer,
And how delightful is a timely word*

words are apt

Words are pondered

*Prov 15:23 – “A person has joy in an apt answer,
And how delightful is a timely word!”*



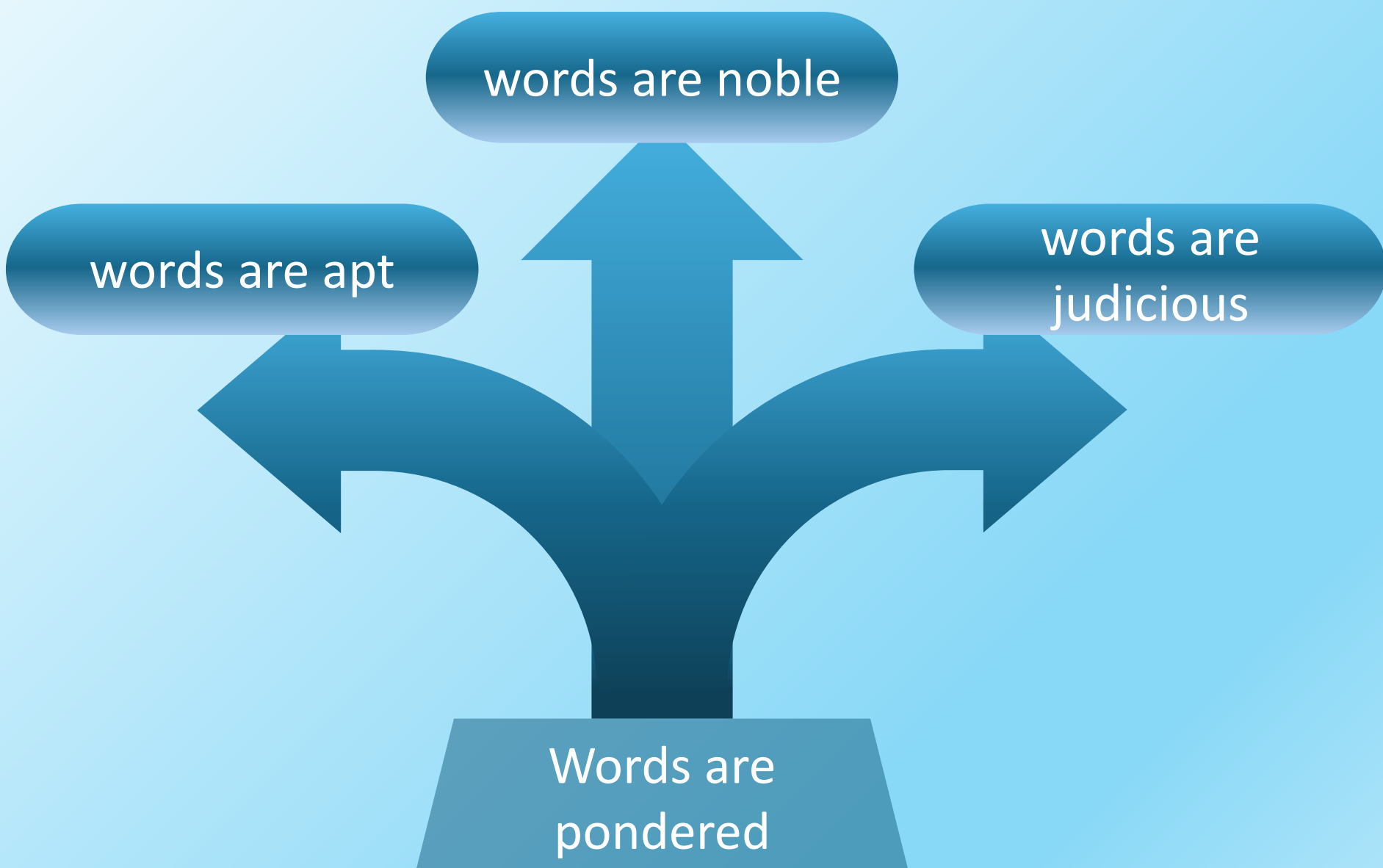
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words are noble

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A diagram illustrating the relationship between word choice and their qualities. At the bottom, a dark blue trapezoidal base contains the text "Words are pondered". From the top of this base, a thick, dark blue stem rises and splits into three curved branches. The left branch points to a rounded rectangular box containing "words are apt". The middle branch points to a rounded rectangular box containing "words are noble". The right branch points to a rounded rectangular box containing "words are judicious".

