

**FOCUSING ON THE FAMILY**  
**Part Thirty-Nine: Raising Your Children (cont.)**

**IV. INTEMPERANCE IN SPEAKING**

**C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of speech**

- Twelve characteristics of good, God-honoring speech:
  - It is rooted in the truth of God's Word.
  - It is scrupulously honest.
  - It is prepared in a heart of wisdom.
  - It nourishes others with truth.
  - It is governed by love and discretion.
  - It is pure, pleasing, and pleasant.
  - It is gentle.
  - It is \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Prov. 12:20: \_\_\_\_\_
  - It is \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Prov. 12:25: \_\_\_\_\_
  - It is timely.
    - Prov. 25:11: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Prov. 15:23: \_\_\_\_\_
  - It is \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Prov. 12:18: \_\_\_\_\_
    - How to promote health and healing with speech:
      - Speak words of \_\_\_\_\_.
      - Speak words of comfort.
      - Speak words of \_\_\_\_\_.
      - Speak words of understanding.
      - Speak words of \_\_\_\_\_.
      - Speak words of acceptance.
      - Speak words of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - It is \_\_\_\_\_ to say what needs to be said.
    - Prov. 27:5-6: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Prov. 27:9: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Prov. 28:23: \_\_\_\_\_