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Proverbs 18:21 (NIV) - *The tongue has the power of life and death.*

Learning #1: Listen before you speak.

Proverbs 18:13 (NLT) - *Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish.*

Proverbs 18:2 (NLT) - *Fools have no interest in understanding; they only want to air their own opinions.*

James 1:19 (NIV) - *...Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.*

Learning #2: Speak grace, not blame.

Ephesians 4:29 (NIV) - *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up.*

Matthew 7:12 (NLT) - *“Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.*

Proverbs 15:1 (NLT) - *A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare.*

Learning #3: Seek Peace, Not Victory.

Philippians 2:4 (NLT) - *Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.*

Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV) - *If you're offering your gift at the altar and remember that someone has something against you, leave your gift there. Go and be reconciled.*

Romans 5:8-11 (NLT) - *But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.*

Romans 10:9 (NLT) - *If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*