

**General Principles of Living, Part 2**  
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**Introduction**

"living"

*1 Peter 1:13-16... "Be holy, for I am holy."*

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**1. Our own words frequently shape our good or evil fortune in life.**

"satisfied"

"fruit"

"produce"

"You are what comes out of your mouth."

“We ought to take as great care about the words we speak as we do about the fruit of our trees or the increase of the earth, which we are to eat; for, according as they are wholesome or unwholesome, so will the pleasure or the pain be wherewith we shall be filled.’”  
(Patrick)

**2. Those who love to talk will suffer its consequences.**

"consequence"

"power"

"death and life"

"those who love it"

**3. A good wife is a great blessing to a man.**

"finds"

"wife"

"good"

"obtain"

"favor"

"LORD"

Their reasoning would go -

1. A "good" wife is a great blessing to a man.
2. He that finds a wife that is a help meet for him has found a good thing.
3. A "bad" wife is not referred to in this verse.
4. This "good" wife will contribute to his comfort in this life.
5. This "good wife" brings both husband and wife favor from God.

**4. A poor person's plea for mercy from a rich person is often met with harsh words.**

Principle -

"uses"

"entreaties"

**5. A friend chosen wisely is more loyal than a brother.**

"must himself be friendly"

ra`a` (raw-ah') or ra`ah (raw-aw')

- a. It is not the number of friends that helps us.
- b. It is the quality of a friend that is important.

"friend"

"stick closer"

**What have we learned tonight?**

- 1. You are what comes out of your mouth.**
- 2. Those who love to talk will suffer its consequences.**
- 3. A good wife is a great blessing to a man.**
- 4. Arrogant treatment of less fortunate people is wrong.**
- 5. A friend chosen wisely is more loyal than a brother.**

~ Pastor Mark D. Montgomery