LIFE Group Guide

Family Arguments **Pastor Justin Searles** *September 7, 2025*Proverbs 15:1-4



Read: Read Proverbs 15:1-4

Outline:

Seven Warnings before engaging in an argument

- 1. Unchecked negative emotions are about to motivate your speech.
- 2. Love, peace, and unity are not your motives.
- 3. You are about to say something you have already said.
- 4. You have not considered your words.
- 5. You have not brought it before the Lord.
- 6. You have not waited patiently.
- 7. You have spoken many words.

Wise ways to avoid a foolish argument

- 1. Do not be easily offended or vengeful.
- 2. Ponder patiently before speaking.
- 3. Refuse to insult.
- 4. Speak softly.
- 5. Prize Restraint.
- 6. Put on Christ.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What encouraged, nourished, or challenged you from this sermon? The scripture passage?
- 2. Conflicts are a part of relationships in a fallen world. They can be necessary and beneficial when done wisely. Consider the two following questions about arguments:
 - a. What is the difference between being quarrelsome and having a healthy conflict/argument?
 - b. What is the difference between an unwise argument and a wise argument?
- 3. What are some examples of foolish ways to engage in an argument that you found helpful from this message?
- 4. What are some practical things you can take away from this message for when you are preparing to have a conflict/argument about something important in your relationship? What might you do to make sure you are being wise during your conversation?