

## Proverbs 25:11, “A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.”



“fitly spoken” – Hebrew, spoken upon his wheels- that is, ordered and circumstantiated, spoken with a grace, and in due place. Rather ‘is like golden apples (tappuchim, in Arabic, tuffach,) in baskets (maskeeyoth, in Arabic, shakeekat,) of silver.’ A word spoken with propriety, opportunely, and suitably to the occasion, is as much in its place, and as conspicuously beautiful, as the golden fruit which appears through the apertures of an exquisitely wrought silver basket.

“It is an excellent skill to be able to time a word, to set it upon the wheels, as here. How ‘good’ are such words!” (Trapp)

Isaiah 50:4, “The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.”

Ecclesiastes 12:10, “The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth.”

“Some people have the gift of saying the right thing at the right time. You know, you can have a very explosive kind of a situation. Everybody is tense. And somebody with this gift just comes along and says the right thing and it just diffuses the whole thing.” (C. Smith)

Proverbs 15:23, “A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!”

Proverbs 24:26, “Every man shall kiss his lips that giveth a right answer.”