HELEN SANDERS 1-16-2024 A SOFT ANSWER

In Proverbs 15:1 it says, "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger."

When people disagree, it is not uncommon that the atmosphere becomes charged with anger. There often are verbal accusations thrown at each other that can destroy relationships. These "feuds" often lead to more mudslinging and maligning of each other's character after the argument ends. It may go on for years.

In Matthew 5:11 it says, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake." It also says in Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall see God."

When an argument takes place, the easiest way to end it is to get quiet. Yelling will not make things better, but a soft response will. If you are prone to a "hot temper" which many of us are, then these scriptures are ones that you should practice.

Be the one that brings peace to a situation, even if you are right and the other party is wrong, let it go. Do not let it bring a division in your home, or relationship with others. You will be the one that is blessed for doing so.