

“THINKABOUTIT” THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

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Several years ago, a New York born professor by the name of George Thompson began putting together a style of communication that he would market as Verbal Judo. In it's development, Thompson often blended elements of the eastern warrior with those of practical communication. As a result of this union, Thompson developed some pretty pithy sayings; such as "Avoid words that naturally rise to the lips" and "If it would feel good to say it, don't!".

When we ponder Thompson's observations one of the things that quickly comes into view is the need to have self-control in our speech. It's easy to say (then excuse saying) the wrong things; but, how much better is it to control our words from the beginning.

Thousands of years before George Thompson, a wise man by the name of Solomon noted, "There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing." (Proverbs 12:18). Call it Verbal Judo, spiritual living or just good ol' common sense – let's make it a point to choose our words and our tone as carefully as we can.

Think about it! For the Madison Avenue Church of Christ; this is Charlie Wharton.