

Sometimes I think I might have more POWER to control the ATMOSPHERE in my home than I ever realized!

I remember reading, many years ago, that a WOMAN can have quite a bit of INFLUENCE in *situations* in her home. Just by keeping SILENT at times, a SITUATION can be DEFUSED. She can control the atmosphere. Keeping it peaceful, if she is wise.

You know the Scripture: Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24. *It is so VERY TRUE!*

I think most of my life I have SPOKEN what I THINK and how I FEEL, without much, if any, thought to the EFFECT it could have on the HEARER. I have a HARD TIME seeing that there is ANYTHING WRONG in speaking my thoughts, opinions, feelings, etc. I FEEL I have the RIGHT to be heard. It seems only FAIR that I get to speak, whatever, whenever. If what I am saying is TRUTH, then how could it be WRONG? *The TRUTH shall set us FREE.....so why can't I SPEAK it?*

This is how I *naturally* think. I guess it's ALWAYS been the way I have thought. But, is it a wise way to think and act?

Now, after hearing the Lord speak to me through my mentor, a wonderful Godly woman, I see that not EVERYTHING needs to be SAID and it doesn't always have to be said NOW. Sometimes we *know* something, and it *is true*, but if we try to tell someone who is NOT READY to hear it, they will only take it as CRITICISM or an ATTACK. And then you are worse off than before you OPENED YOUR MOUTH. (my mouth, that is)

Yes, I might be RIGHT about a thing, but if he disagrees with it, why do I feel the NEED to keep saying "no, you didn't", when he says, "yes, I did". I am saying it gently, but he is hearing it ACCUSINGLY! ATTACKINGLY! (is that a word?)

The atmosphere here right now is quiet and peaceful. I hope and pray to keep it that way.

Whatever happens and however it ends up, I need to know I have done all I can to keep the peace, and obey the Lord. And not to *light the fuse* but to DEFUSE the situations. Even if it means I am silent when being persecuted. I think of Job who did not deserve all that came upon him and he was blessed by the Lord in the end because of his faithfulness and enduring all that happened to him. Why do I feel the NEED to stand up for myself and to defend myself? If I am right about a thing, won't the Lord protect me? Can't I trust Him to preserve me as He did Job? Shouldn't I "wait for the Lord" as David did?

I guess it's just my *nature* to try to "do it myself" and take matters into my own hands and defend myself, or protect myself. BUT, I want a NEW nature.

I need to FOCUS on hearing what the Lord wants me to do, and to stay FOCUSED on Him, as the enemy is going to be throwing plenty of arrows in my direction. Hurtful arrows. Knowing what I need to do and actually being ABLE to do it have always been two different things for me. Please pray I will be ABLE. [Back to Main Index](#)