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Sunday, February 7, 2010

**“LOVING WITH YOUR WORDS”**

(James 3:1-12)

Our words can be a powerful expression of love or they can be a destructive force in our relationships. If we are to grow in Christlike love, we need to grow in our use of words.

*“Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way” (James 3:2, NLT).*

1. Love people with \_\_\_\_\_ words (Eph.4:15).
  
2. Love people with \_\_\_\_\_ words (Eph. 4:26-27).
  
3. Love people with \_\_\_\_\_ words (Eph. 4:29).

**THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK:**

**T** – is it \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**H** – is it \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**I** – is it \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**N** – is it \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**K** – is it \_\_\_\_\_ ?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Words** (Proverbs 12:25, NIV).
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Words** (Proverbs 15:21, NIV).
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Words** (Proverbs 16:21, NIV).
  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ **Words** (Proverbs 24:26, NIV).
  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ **Words** (Proverbs 12:18, NLT).

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*“For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks” (Matthew 12:34, NIV).*

**1. Love people with honest words.**

*“Speaking the truth in love” (Ephesians 4:15, NIV).*

*“An open rebuke is better than hidden love” (Proverbs 27:5, NLT).*

**2. Love people with careful words.**

*“In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you’re still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold” (Ephesians 4:26-27, NIV).*

*“Watch your words and hold your tongue. You’ll save yourself a lot of grief” (Proverbs 21:23, The Message).*

**3. You love people with building words.**

*“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs” (Ephesians 4:29, NIV).*

**THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK:**

**T – is it Truthful?**

**H – is it Helpful?**

**I – is it Inspirational?**

**N – is it Necessary?**

## **K – is it Kind?**

### **1. Kind Words.**

*“An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up” (Proverbs 12:25, NIV).*

### **2. Gentle Words.**

*“A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger” (Proverbs 15:21, NIV).*

### **3. Pleasant Words.**

*“Pleasant words promote instruction” (Proverbs 16:21, NIV).*

### **4. Honest Words.**

*“An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips” (Proverbs 24:26, NIV).*

### **5. Wise Words.**

*“Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing” Proverbs 12:18, NLT).*