



Talk 4

Loving With Our Words

James 3:2a (tev) *All of us often make mistakes. But if a person never makes a mistake in what he says, he is perfect.*

Our mouth reveals who we really are.

Matthew 12:34 (njb) *Words flow out of what fills the heart.*

Mark 7:15 (tlb) *Your souls aren't harmed by what you eat, but by what you think and say!*

1. LOVE PEOPLE WITH HONEST WORDS

Ephesians 4:15a (niv) *...speaking the truth in love...*

Proverbs 27:5 (nlt) *An open rebuke is better than hidden love!*

1 Corinthians 13:6 (niv) *Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.*

2. LOVE PEOPLE WITH CAREFUL WORDS

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

Proverbs 16:28b (niv) *...A **gossip** separates close friends.*

Proverbs 21:23 (msg) *Watch your words and **hold your tongue**; you'll save yourself a lot of grief.*

3. LOVE PEOPLE WITH BUILDING WORDS

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

... CHALLENGE

This week I will choose to use....

Kind words: Transform worry to joy

Worry can rob you of happiness, but kind words will cheer you up.

Proverbs 12:25 (tev)

Gentle words: Break through anger

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 15:1 (niv)

Pleasant words: Encourage learning

Pleasant words promote instruction.

Proverbs 16:21b (niv)

Honest words: Make us feel loved

An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.

Proverbs 24:26 (niv)

Wise words: Heal broken hearts

*Thoughtless words can wound as deeply as any sword, but wisely spoken words can heal. **Proverbs 12:18*** (tev)