

SMALL THINGS BIG DIFFERENCE—3 WORDS

- IT'S THE SMALL THINGS THAT NO ONE SEES THAT RESULT IN THE BIG THINGS EVERYONE WANTS.

²¹ *The tongue has the power of life and death...* Proverbs 18:21

³ *We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. ⁴ And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. ⁵ In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire.* James 3:3-5 NLT

¹⁸ *The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.* Proverbs 12:18

⁴ *The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit.* Proverbs 15:4

Life Taking Words

Life Giving Words

Others	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Others
Self	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Self

LIFE-GIVING WORDS

1) IF YOU CAN'T SAY SOMETHING HELPFUL—SKIP IT.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Ephesians 4:29

2) IF YOU THINK SOMETHING GOOD—SAY IT!

²⁴ *Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.* Proverbs 16:24

...but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God. 1 Samuel 30:6 KJV

...and that's the way I want it.

- MY ONE STATEMENT:

TALK IT OVER

How have you been affected by life-taking and life-giving words spoken to you?

What life-giving words do you need to speak to yourself and others?

What's your one statement? How might it relate to your one word or one thought?