



# The Power and Potential of Words

## Get Kind

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## **Proverbs 21:23 NIV**

Those who guard their mouths and their tongues keep themselves from calamity.



## **Proverbs 16:6-8 NIV**

The lips of fools bring them strife,  
and their mouths invite a beating.  
The mouths of fools are their undoing,  
and their lips are a snare to their very lives.  
The words of a gossip are like choice morsels;  
they go down to the inmost parts.

**Solomon was the  
wisest man to ever live.**



**1 Kings 3:12 NIV**

I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

## Proverbs 10:18-21 NIV

Whoever conceals hatred with lying lips and spreads slander is a fool.

Sin is not ended by multiplying words,  
but the prudent hold their tongues.

The tongue of the righteous is choice silver,  
but the heart of the wicked is of little value.

The lips of the righteous nourish many,  
but fools die for lack of sense.



**Our words can be used  
For good or for evil**



**Proverbs 12:18 NIV**

The words of the reckless pierce like swords,  
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.



**Your words impact  
YOU greatly**

## Matthew 5:21-22 NIV

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ (meaning “I hate you”) is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.





**Jesus cares about  
our hearts  
(what drives our words)**



**Jesus says, “Your faith has made you well.”**



**Different examples:**

**Luke 5:20, Matthew 9:22**

**Luke 17:19, Luke 18:42**



**Your words impact  
the PEOPLE around you**



## **Proverbs 11:9 NIV**

With their mouths

the godless destroy their neighbors,  
but through knowledge the righteous escape.

## **Matthew 18:6-7 NIV**

“If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come!





## **1 Peter 3:8-12 NIV**

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For,

## 1 Peter 3:8-12 NIV

“Whoever would love life  
and see good days  
must keep their tongue from evil  
and their lips from deceitful speech.  
They must turn from evil and do good;  
they must seek peace and pursue it.  
For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous  
and his ears are attentive to their prayer,  
but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”





## **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, that it may benefit those who listen.



**Our words impact our  
COMMUNITY**



## **1 Peter 3:15-16 NIV**

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.



## **Colossians 4:5-6 NIV**

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.



## Application

1. This goes beyond our vocabulary.  
It's a heart issue.



## Ephesians 4:31-32 NIV

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

# Application

1. This goes beyond our vocabulary. It's a heart issue.
2. Remember God's grace daily. Reflecting on our weakness and God's grace changes the way we think
3. Pause... Love is easy on paper, but hard in the midst of chaos. Pause, "pray before we speak"
4. Help each other, we are a team.





## **2 Corinthians 2:15 NIV**

For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.