

POWER

26 Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:26-27 NIV

Point #1: Words can indeed hurt.

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

Proverbs 15:1 NIV

12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing the soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12 NIV

Point #2: Words can be misunderstood.

7 All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, 8 but no human can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

James 3:7-8 NIV

45 A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

Luke 6:45 NIV

Point #3: We have the ability to speak life or death into others.

1 “Do not spread false reports. Do not help a guilty person by being a malicious witness.

Exodus 23:1 NIV

21 The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Proverbs 18:21 NIV