

TAKE HOME SHEET



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Message: Use Your Words
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If you haven't already, please take the Love Languages quiz at nhc.click/lovequiz.

The following is a guide to help us see the value God places on our words, along with how to use them and the danger of misuse. Remember, our words include both spoken and written ones!

Think of a time when hurtful or angry words were said to you? How did you feel when that happened? How do you feel when you think about that time now?

What were some positive words spoken or written to you that have left a lasting and positive impression?

Let's decide today that we will be people who use our words to help others and honor God! Here are some ways:

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Psalm 19:14 (NLT)

Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)

²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another...

Hebrews 10:24–25 (NLT)

Worry weighs a person down; an encouraging word cheers a person up.

Proverbs 12:25 (NLT)

Wise words bring many benefits, and hard work brings rewards.

Proverbs 12:14 (NLT)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NASB – New American Standard Bible

NLT – New Living Translation

MSG – The Message

MESSAGE NOTES



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³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they met together to question him again. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” ³⁷ Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

Matthew 22:34–40 (NLT)

³⁴ So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

John 13:34–35 (NLT)

Here is a simple, rule-of-thumb guide for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you, then grab the initiative and do it for them.

Matthew 7:12 (MSG)

Loving others well requires understanding them and striving to meet their needs.

Dr Gary Chapman has identified five distinct ways we give and receive love:

Words of affirmation

Quality time

Receiving gifts

Acts of service

Physical touch

Words of Affirmation/Encouragement

So encourage each other and build each other up...

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT)

²⁹ Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. ³⁰ And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:29–32 (NLT)

There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Proverbs 12:18 (NASB)

Be observant.

Be specific.

Be honest.

Be humble.

Be consistent.