

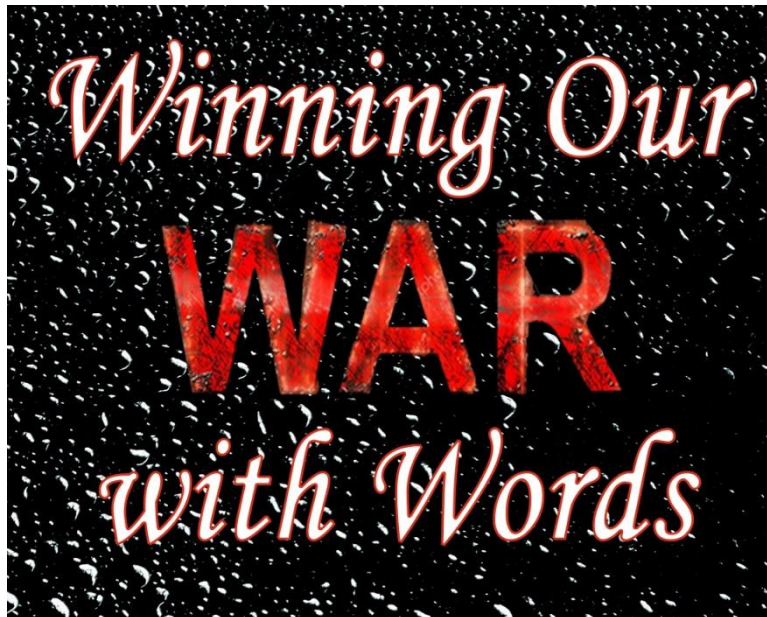


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How to Positively Handle the Negativity

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“For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.”

James 3:2

I. OUR WORDS ARE IMPORTANT TO GOD

Few realize the power of the tongue and what God thinks.

James 3:1-10/Proverbs 18:21/Matthew 12:37

II. OUR WORDS ARE IMPACTFUL TO OTHERS

Proverbs 26:20-22/2 Corinthians 12:20

1. Slander

2. Lying

(Exodus 20:16/Proverbs 12:22)

3. Criticism

(James 4:11)

4. Gossip
(1 Timothy 5:13)
5. Insinuation

III. WE MUST CHOOSE OUR WORDS WISELY.

Matthew 12:36/Proverbs 15:1/Ephesians 4:25/ Ephesians 4:29-32/Proverbs 21:23/Psalm 34:12-19/ Proverbs 10:20/Proverbs 12:18/Hebrews 10:24-25

IV. THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK

T. H. I. N. K.

T – Is it TRUE?

H – will it HELP?

I – is it INSPIRING?

N – is it NECESSARY?

K – is it KIND?