

## Power of Words

Ephesians 4:29

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

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*Our thoughts influence our words,  
Our words influence our actions,  
Our actions influence our habits,  
Our habits create a destiny.*

<sup>21</sup> *The tongue has the power of life and death...* **Proverbs 18:21 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup> *We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. <sup>4</sup> *And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. <sup>5</sup> *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)****

<sup>18</sup> *The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.* **Proverbs 12:18 (NIV)**

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

### Life Taking Words

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

### Life Giving Words

Others
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 (NIV)**

**2) IF YOU THINK SOMETHING GOOD—SAY IT!**

<sup>24</sup> *Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.* **Proverbs 16:24 (NIV)**

*...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:**

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### 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?