

Sermon Notes / Outline

July 26, 2026

THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK, Week 6 ARE YOUR WORDS KIND?

"If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless." James 1:26 (NIV)

"Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned." Matthew 12:33-37 (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. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice." Ephesians 4:29-31 (NIV)

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"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Colossians 3:12 (NIV)

"For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love." 2 Peter 1:5-7 (NIV)

1. I don't have to _____ my _____

2. I don't have to be _____

"Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs." Proverbs 10:12 (NIV)

Kindness chooses _____ instead of _____

"He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends." Proverbs 17:9 (NIV)

3. I don't have to _____

Trust that _____ fight the battle for me.

"The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" Psalm 118:6 (NIV)

4. I don't have to express my opinion on _____

"Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life." Philippians 2:14-16a (NIV)

5. I don't have to correct others' _____ thinking with my _____ thinking.

"You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance?" Romans 2:1-4 (NIV)

Show _____ and _____

6. I don't have to _____ myself.

"Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up." Romans 15:2 (NIV)

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up." 1 Thessalonians 5:11a (NIV)

7. I don't have to _____

If I change my _____, my _____ will change.