

LOVING WITH YOUR WORDS

James 3:1-11

Series: "What's Love got to do with it", Part 2
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James 3:2a (TEV) "All of us often make mistakes. But if a person never makes a mistake in what he says, he is perfect."

James 3:1-11 – Four Pictures-

- My mouth has the ability to _____ me. **V3**
- My mouth _____ where I go. **vv. 4**
- My mouth can _____ what I have. **Vv5-6**
- My mouth _____ who I really am. **Vv9-11**

Matt. 12:34 (ESV) "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks."

Mark 7:15 (TLB) "Your souls aren't harmed by what you eat, but by what you think and say!"

1. LOVE PEOPLE WITH _____ WORDS.

Ephesians 4:15a (NIV) "... speaking the truth in love..."

Proverbs 27:5 (NLT) "An open rebuke is better than hidden love!"

1 Corinthians 13:6 (NIV) "Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth."

2 LOVE PEOPLE WITH _____ WORDS.

Ephesians 4:26-27 (NIV) "In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold."

Proverbs 16:28b (NIV) "A gossip separates close friends."

Proverbs 21:23 (Msg) "Watch your words and hold your tongue; you'll save yourself a lot of grief."

3. LOVE PEOPLE WITH _____ WORDS.

Ephesians 4:29 (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..."

T- _____

H- _____

I- _____

N- _____

K- _____

THIS WEEK I WILL CHOOSE:

____ **Kind words:** Transform worry to joy.

"Worry can rob you of happiness, but kind words will cheer you up." **Proverbs 12:25 (TEV)**

____ **Gentle words:** Break through anger.

"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." **Proverbs 15:1 (NIV)**

____ **Pleasant words:** Encourage learning.

"Pleasant words promote instruction." **Proverbs 16:21b (NIV)**

____ **Honest words:** Make us feel loved.

An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips." **Proverbs 24:26**

____ **Wise words:** Heal broken hearts.

"Thoughtless words can wound as deeply as any sword, but wisely spoken words can heal."

Proverbs 12:18 (TEV)