

LOVING WITH YOUR WORDS

All About Love - Part 3

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James 3:2 (NCV) *"We all make many mistakes. If people never said anything wrong, they would be perfect and able to control their entire selves, too."*

According to James...

Σ My mouth can _____ where I go. (Ja. 3:2-5)

Σ My mouth can _____ what I have. (Ja. 3:5-6)

Σ My mouth can _____ who I really am. (Ja. 3:7-12)

According To Jesus...

Matthew 12:34 (NJB) *"Words flow out of what fills the heart."*

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

WAYS TO LOVE PEOPLE

1. Love them with _____ words.

Ephesians 4:15 (NIV) *"...Speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ."*

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.

Σ _____ in your communication

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."*

Σ _____ the "little sin."

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

Σ _____ too much.

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

Proverbs 17:28 (NLT) *"Even fools are thought to be wise when they keep silent; when they keep their mouths shut, they seem intelligent."*

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, that it may benefit those who listen."*

Think Before You Speak...

T is it _____ ?

H is it _____ ?

I is it _____ ?

N is it _____ ?

K is it _____ ?

HOMEWORK: This Week I Will Choose...

- Σ Kind words: *Transform worry to joy.* (Proverbs 12:25)
- Σ Gentle words: *Break through anger.* (Proverbs 15:1)
- Σ Pleasant words: *Encourage learning.* (Proverbs 16:21)
- Σ Honest words: *Make us feel loved.* (Proverbs 24:26)
- Σ Wise words: *Heal broken hearts.* (Proverbs 12:18)