

40 Days of Love

LOVING WITH YOUR WORDS

May 3, 2009 - Part 3

All of us often make mistakes. But if a person never makes a mistake in what he says, he is perfect. *James 3:2a TEV*

- My mouth _____ where I go
- My mouth can _____ what I have
- My mouth _____ who I really am

“Words flow out of what **fills the heart.**” *Matthew 12:34 NJB*

“Your souls aren’t harmed by what you eat, but by **what you think and say!**”
Mark 7:15 TLB

1. Love People with _____

...speaking the truth in **love**... *Ephesians 4:15a NIV*

An open rebuke is better than hidden love! *Proverbs 27:5 NLT*

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

2. Love People with _____

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. *Ephesians 4:26-27 NIV*

A **gossip** separates close friends. *Proverbs 16:28b NIV*

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

3. Love People with _____

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for **building** others up according to their needs... *Ephesians 4:29 NIV*

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*