







Loving With Your Words

- My mouth can destroy what I have

James 3:5 (NLT)
 5 So also, the tongue is a small thing, but what enormous damage it can do. A tiny spark can set a great forest on fire.

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James 3:11-12 (NIV)
 11 Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? 12 My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

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Matthew 12:34-35 (NIV)
 For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 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.

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1. Love people with honest words.

Ephesians 4:15 (NIV)
¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

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Proverbs 27:5-6 (NIV)
⁵ Better is open rebuke than hidden love.
⁶ Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.

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

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2. Love people with careful words.

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

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2. Love people with careful words.

“Be careful of the words you say. Keep them soft and sweet. You never know from day to day, which ones you’ll have to eat.”

Will Rogers

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“To keep your marriage brimming with love in a loving cup, whenever you are wrong, admit it; whenever you’re right, shut up.”

Ogden Nash

Proverbs 21:23 (NIV)
²³ He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity.

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3. Love people with building words.

Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)
²⁹ 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.

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- Kind words
- Gentle words
- Pleasant words
- Honest words
- Wise words

Proverbs 12:18 (NIV)
¹⁸ Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.
