

LOVING WITH MY WORDS

40 Days Of Love – Part 3

October 18, 2009

James 3:2

- **My mouth directs where I go.**
- **My mouth can destroy what I have.**
- **My mouth displays who I really am.**

“...For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.” Matt. 12:34 (NIV)

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

1. LOVE PEOPLE WITH HONEST WORDS.

“...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.” I Corinthians 13:6 (NIV)

2. LOVE PEOPLE WITH CAREFUL WORDS.

“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 (Mess)*

3. LOVE PEOPLE WITH BUILDING WORDS.

“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: Encouraging 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 (NIV)

__ WISE WORDS: Heal broken hearts.

“Thoughtless words can wound as deeply as any sword, but wisely spoken words can heal.” Proverbs 12:18 (TEV)