

“I’m Talking but Nobody’s Listening”

Good relationships are **possible**, but they are not **probable**.

Romans 12:2 NLT

Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

The remarkable **power** of words.

Proverbs 18:21 NIV

The tongue has the power of **life** and **death**.

I’m **talking**, but nobody’s **listening**.

James 3:2 NLT

Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For **if we could control our tongues**, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.

James 3:3 NLT

We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small **bit** in its mouth.

James 3:4 NLT

And **a small rudder** makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong.

James 3:5 NLT

In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But **a tiny spark** can set a great forest on fire.

James 3:10 NLT

And so **blessing** and **cursing** come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!

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Life Giving Words

Affirmation

Ephesians 4:29 NLT

Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be **good** and **helpful**, so that your words will **be an encouragement** to those who hear them.

Affection

Jeremiah 31:3 NLT

"I have loved you, my people, with **an everlasting love.**"

"And **then what happened?**"

Proverbs 18:28 NLT

Even fools are thought wise when they **keep silent; with their mouths shut**, they seem intelligent.

James 1:19 NLT

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be **quick to listen**, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

Speak the **truth** in love.

Ephesians 4:15 NLT

We will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

Truth without **grace** is mean.

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Prayer

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You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it.

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