

# 40 DAYS OF LOVE

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS CAMPAIGN  
12TH SEPTEMBER - 31ST OCTOBER 2021



SERMON 3

## LOVING WITH YOUR WORDS

*"For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking, is perfect..."*

**James 3:2 (NRSV)**

*<sup>4</sup> ... a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong.<sup>5</sup> 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.<sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.*

*...<sup>8b</sup> [The tongue] is restless and evil, full of deadly poison.<sup>9</sup> Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God.<sup>10</sup> And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!<sup>11</sup> Does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water?*

**James 3:4-11 (NLT)**

- My mouth \_\_\_\_\_ where I go.
- My mouth can \_\_\_\_\_ what I have.
- My mouth \_\_\_\_\_ who I really am.

*For whatever is in your heart determines what you say.*

**Matthew 12:34 (NLT)**

*It's not what goes into your body that defiles you; you are defiled by what comes from your heart. **Mark 7:15 (NLT)***

**Empowerment:** The Lord will help us! *"For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him."* **Philippians 2:13**

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) Memory verse.**

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)**

*"You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. <sup>20</sup>Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires."*

**James 1:19b, 20 (NLT)**

*"A gossip separates close friends."*

**Proverbs 16:28b (NIV)**

*"Too much talk leads to sin. Be sensible and keep your mouth shut."*

**Proverbs 10:19 (NLT)**

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)**

**THINK:**

T – is it \_\_\_\_\_?

H – is it \_\_\_\_\_?

I – is it \_\_\_\_\_?

N – is it \_\_\_\_\_?

K – is it \_\_\_\_\_?

**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 (GNT)**

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 (NIV)**

Wise words: Heal broken hearts.

*"Thoughtless words can wound as deeply as any sword, but wisely spoken words can heal."* **Proverbs 12:18 (GNT)**