

“Be Generous”
Be Generous with our Words
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→ ‘Words’ are sounds that carry **thoughts** and **ideas**.

“Women can speak **20,000** to **24,000** words a day versus a man’s top end of **7,000** to **10,000**.” (Allan Pease / CNN)

The more we speak, the more we seem to sin: **“When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.”** (Proverbs 10:19)

→ According to Jesus – “Words come from our **hearts!**”

“The **good man** brings **good things** out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. **For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.**” (Luke 6:43-45)

1. Words have the power to accomplish much good.

→ Genesis 1:3, 31

2. Words have a ‘moral’ nature’ attached to them.

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths ... (Ephesians 4:29)

“The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.” (James 3:6)

3. Words have the power to bring people together

→ The bible warns of gossip **127** (times).

→ Gossip and Slander are two ways a church forfeits the **blessing** of God

“How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity ... For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.”
(Psalms 133:1, 3)

→ Proverbs 11:13; Proverbs 16:28; Proverbs 20:19

1. Words have the power to comfort, encourage and strengthen

→ **Prophecy** is a gift for the church.

“But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort.”
(1 Corinthians 14:3)

2. Words have the power to hurt and to heal.

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

3. Our words impact the Spirit of God

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”
(Ephesians 5:30)

4. Lessons in Generosity with words spoken from the Cross

→ To the **condemned** (Luke 23:43)

→ To the **crowd** (Luke 23:34)

→ To the **crushed** (John 19:26-27)

Yahweh

Take these hands, teach them what to carry
Take these hands, that they don't make a fist
Take this mouth, so quick to criticize
Take this mouth, give it a kiss (U2)