

## **Making A Difference With Your Words**

### **Series: Relationships**

“Words kill, and words give life; they’re either poison or fruit—you choose.” Proverbs 18:21

“The tongue of the righteous is choice silver... the lips of the righteous nourish many.”  
Proverbs 10:20-21

#### **1. You Make A Difference When You Show Courtesy**

“Believers shouldn’t curse anyone or be quarrelsome, but they should be gentle and show courtesy to everyone.” Titus 3:2

“Gentle words cause life and health.” Proverbs 15:4

“Treat everyone you meet with dignity.” 1 Peter 2:17

“Excel in showing respect for each other.” Romans 12:10

#### **2. You Make A Difference When You Offer Mercy**

“When people sin, you should forgive and comfort them, so they won’t give up in despair.” 2 Corinthians 2:7

“Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.” Colossians 3:13

“When someone stumbled, you lifted him up with your words.” Job 4:4a

“God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” Matthew 5:7

### **3. You Make A Difference When You Express Compassion**

“As God’s chosen people... clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” Colossians 3:12

“Share each other’s troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

### **4. You Make A Difference When You Speak Honestly**

“An honest answer is a sign of true friendship.” Proverbs 24:26

“Speak the truth in a spirit of love.” Ephesians 4:15

“Brothers and sisters, if someone in your group does something wrong... go to that person and gently help make him right again.” Galatians 6:1-2

“In the end, people appreciate frankness more than flattery.” Proverbs 28:23

### **5. You Make A Difference When You Give Encouragement**

“Encourage one another and build each other up.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11

“A word of encouragement does wonders!” Proverbs 12:25

Jesus said, “The things that come out of your mouth come from your heart.” Matthew 15:18