

NORTH HILLS NOTES

LOVING WITH OUR WORDS

40 Days of Love

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"All of us often make mistakes. But if a person never makes a mistake in what he says, he is perfect." James 3:2a (TEV)

- My mouth **DIRECTS** where I go.
- My mouth can **DESTROY** what I have.
- My mouth **DISPLAYS** who I really am.

"Words flow out of what fills the heart." Matthew 12:34 (NJB)

"Your souls aren't harmed by what you eat, but by what you think and say!" Mark 7:15 (TLB)

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." 1 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)

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)

Before you speak, THINK!

T Is it **TRUTHFUL** ?

H Is it **HELPFUL** ?

I Is it **INSPIRATIONAL** ?

N Is it **NECESSARY** ?

K Is it **KIND** ?

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14 (NIV)