

“Talking Like A Friend”  
“Got Friends” P5

*“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 display who I really am.

*“Words flow out of what fills the heart.” Matt. 12:34 (NJB)*

*“Your souls aren’t harmed by what you eat, but by what you think and say!” Mark 7:15 (TLB)*

1. BE FRIENDLY 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 BE FRIENDLY 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)*

*“Watch your words and hold your tongue; you’ll save yourself a lot of grief.”  
Proverbs 21:23 (Msg)*

3. BE FRIENDLY 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)*

THINK. Think before you speak.

T – is it Truthful?

H – is it Helpful? Or is it going to harm?

I – is it Inspirational? Is it going to build up or tear down?

N – is it Necessary? This is that thing of talking too much.

K – is it Kind? Love is kind.

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 (TEV)

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

Wise words: Heal broken hearts.

*“Thoughtless words can wound as deeply as any sword, but wisely spoken words can heal.”*

Proverbs 12:18 (TEV)