

“It's better to live alone in the corner of an attic than with a quarrelsome wife in a lovely home.”

Proverb 25:24 (NLT)

How would those closest  
to you describe you?

"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this:  
Everyone should be quick to listen,  
slow to speak and slow to become angry,  
because human anger does not produce  
the righteousness that God desires."

James 1:19-20 NIV

"No foul language should come from your mouth,  
but only what is good for building up someone in need,  
so that it gives grace to those who hear."

Eph. 4:29 (CSB)

A good person produces good out of the good stored up in his heart. An evil person produces evil out of the evil stored up in his heart, for his mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.

Luke 6:45 (CSB)

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 Cor. 10:5 (NIV)

He said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”

Matthew 22:37-40 (CSB)

"He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you but to do  
justice,  
and to love kindness [Hesed],  
and to walk humbly with your God?"

Micah 6:8 (ESV)



“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord,  
and he will reward them for what they have done.”

Proverbs 19:17

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40

A kindhearted woman gains honor,  
but ruthless men gain only wealth.

Proverbs 11:16

## **My Conclusion:**

We need to value kindness,  
and in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
determine to put a leech on our tongue,  
because kindness changes everything.

## **Application:**

### **Three ways to leash our tongues and be kind to others**

#### **1. Follow Christ's Command:**

"I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

John 13:34-35, (NLT)

## 2. Be an Encourager:

"But encourage each other daily, while it is still called today."  
so that none of you is hardened by sin's deception."

Hebrews 3:13 (CSB)

"Let us think of ways to motivate one another  
to acts of love and good works."

Hebrews 10:24 (NLT)

### **3. Choose What Shapes You...**

"Finally brothers and sisters, whatever is true,  
whatever is honorable, whatever is just,  
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,  
whatever is commendable—if there is any moral excellence  
and if there is anything praiseworthy—dwell on these things."

Philippians 4:8 (CSB)