Proverbs 18:21 (NKJV) Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Psalm 141:3 Set a guard over my mouth, LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips

The Power of Saying “Thank You”

“It’s not happy people who are thankful. It’s thankful people who are happy.” - Author Unknown

Anecdote for critical, complaining words: ________________________________
The Power of Words that Bless

“Of all the tools that God gave us for creating an atmosphere for family life, the most powerful is our tongue. Use it for good.” – Jack Hayford

Anecdote for harsh, angry words: ____________________________

The Power of Words that Honor

“As a noun, honor in the Bible means “esteem, value, or great respect.” To honor someone is to value them highly or bestow value upon them. The Bible exhorts us to express honor and esteem toward certain people: our parents, the aged, and those in authority.” - Institute in Basic Life Principles

Anecdote for selfish, demanding words: ____________________________

Matthew 12:34 For out of the fullness (the overflow) of the heart, the mouth speaks.
For Further Study

Psalm 19:14
Psalm 31:1
Psalm 37:30
Proverbs 10:11-19
Proverbs 12:18
Proverbs 15:1-4
Proverbs 16:23
Proverbs 17:27-28
Proverbs 21:23
Matthew 12:35-36
Matthew 15:17-20
Ephesians 4:25-32
Philippians 2:3-8
Colossians 3:8-10
Colossians 4:6
James 1:26
James 3:2-12