

## COMMUNICATION

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The first thing God did in the Biblical account was to speak the world into existence. Then, He chose to reveal Himself to Adam and Eve by speaking to them. Words are God's invention. God takes words very seriously and so should we.

As God's creation, our speech and words should always glorify God. The Bible tells us our words should always...

- be truth wrapped in love (Proverbs 8:6-8, Ephesians 4:15)
- bless and not curse (James 3:9)
- benefit the hearer (Ephesians 4:29, 30)
- be gentle (Proverbs 15:1)
- build up and encourage others on to love and good deeds (1 Thessalonians 5:11 and Hebrews 10:25)

We need to strive to speak a right word spoken at the right time in the right way (Proverbs 25:11, 12). In James 3, we are told that the man who controls his tongue can control his whole body and that the spark of a tongue can start a forest fire. How are you doing with glorifying God in your speech? What needs to change in your life to more accurately reflect God's gracious character in your words?