

VALUE #2: KINDNESS COUNTS

For the week of June 2, 2019

Passage: James 3:2-12

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GOAL:

To understand the power of our tongue and the necessity to tell the truth.

GET GOING:

- What is the nicest compliment you've ever received?
- When was a time when you told a lie? How did that situation turn out for you? What was your motivation for not telling the truth?
- Review these top 5 lies that Satan tells our world. Which lie, whether on this list or not, does Satan often try to tell you?
 - There is no God
 - God doesn't care about you
 - The Bible cannot be trusted
 - Your good works will get you to heaven
 - Any negative thoughts about yourself
- Our words are powerful, and can too often be used in wrong ways. In your own words, what's the difference between gossip and slander?

Memory Verse:

"Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment" Proverbs 12:19.



KEEP GROWING:

- Review these 5 “gatekeeper questions” to think about before speaking. Which one do you often bypass when you speak? Why do you think that is? What other questions could you consider before you speak?
 - Is it true?
 - Is it kind?
 - Is it necessary?
 - Is it the right time?
 - Is it best coming from me or from someone else?
- Think of a time when someone built you up with their words. How did that feel? How often do your words build others up?
- The tongue has the power to bring death or life. Who do you need to talk to today, whether it’s in person, phone call, or text, to build someone up?

Bonus Challenge:

Consider taking time this week to write a thoughtful letter to someone. Maybe it’s someone who needs encouragement, or someone who has invested in you personally. Be attuned to God’s leading and encourage someone this week.

