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in
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Apples of Gold in Settings of Silver



Like apples of gold in settings of silver is a word spoken in the right circumstances (Proverbs 25:11)

Speaking the right word at the right time is as wonderful as a golden apple in a silver bowl! The right word at the right time brings health, life, and joy!

What a blessing to speak words of life over our beloveds.

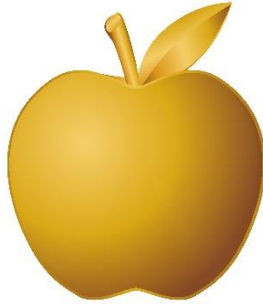
How do we do this?

The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart (Luke 6:45)

We know from Jesus that our words flow out of what is in our heart. If there is goodness in our heart, we will speak good words. If there is jealousy in our heart, we will speak snarky words. If we are bitter, we will speak words that hurt others. If we are thankful, we will speak words that build others up.



A Bible Study on The Tongue



Read James 3:1-2

Why is being a teacher in the Kingdom of God a sobering responsibility?

Who do you know that controls their tongue well? _____ Do they ever slip? _____

Why is it so hard to control your tongue?

Read James 3:3-12

Think of your own tongue as you answer these questions.

Why is the tongue like a bit in a horse's mouth?

Why is the tongue like a rudder on a ship?

Why is the tongue like a small spark starting a forest fire?

Why is the tongue like a wild animal?

The Lord is helping us to see how powerful the tongue is. When we praise God, but curse men, we are able to see that we need help taming our own tongues.

Jesus explains why we need help. And what the problem is.

Read Matthew 12:33-37

How does your heart control the words you speak?

When you have said something wrong or inappropriate or unkind, what should you deal with: heart or speech? _____ Why?

Exactly! We need to ask Jesus to change our hearts. The issue is a heart issue. When our heart is thankful and full of love, our words come out gracious and kind.

Read James 3:13-18

Contrast earthly wisdom with God's wisdom.

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List people that are respected because they have earthly wisdom?

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List people that are respected because they have God’s wisdom wisdom?

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What is the difference between these “wise” people?

Wisdom comes from God’s Word. As we read the Scriptures every day, digging deep, memorizing, and meditating on God’s Word, we will find our hearts changing more and more to be like Jesus. His wisdom will overflow in our speech and conduct!

Let’s be known as women who have God’s wisdom!

25 Words of Life to Speak to Your Children



I'm so glad I'm your mom.

I love you so much.

I'm so glad you're my child.

You are such a blessing to me.

I enjoy spending time with you.

Being with you is so fun!

I love homeschooling you. (I love teaching you)

I'm proud of you.

You did a great job today.

I love your smile!

I love how hard you work.

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I'm impressed with your creativity.
Thank you for treating your sibling with so much kindness.

It's so fun to learn with you.
I'm so glad I can stay home with you.
Being your mom is my favorite job.
You are unique and valuable – a treasure!

These are the gifts and strengths I see in your life...
You are God's masterpiece!



I love that idea!
That was a wise choice.
There is no one like you.
I love seeing God work in your life.
If you weren't my child, I'd want to adopt you!
I'm so glad God put you in our family.

25 Words of Life to Speak to Your Husband



I love you with all my heart.

I truly appreciate the little things you do for me and the kids.

I love the way you smile.

Thank you for working so hard for our family.

I'm proud to be seen with you.

I have the best husband in the world.

You bring out the best in me.

You're still so handsome.

I love the way you seek God each day.

I appreciate being married to a man of integrity.

You are head and shoulders above all other men.

Thank you for loving me.

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It's fun to grow old with you.

Our kids are so blessed to have a father like you.

The children adore you.

I adore you.

I respect you so much.



I love the way you handled....

I appreciate your perspective.

Thanks for your advice.

I'm grateful that you are so supportive.

I love being with you.

You look great in that color.

Can you give me your opinion on...

I will love you forever.

25 Promises of God to Remind Your Beloveds



God will never fail or abandon you (Matthew 28:20)

God has not given you a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind (II Timothy 1:7)

With God, all things are possible! (Matthew 19:26)

With God, nothing is impossible! (Luke 1:37)

You are adopted by God into His Royal Family (Ephesians 1:5)

You are chosen, holy, and dearly loved (Colossians 3:12)

You are more than a conqueror in Christ (Romans 8:37)

God has prepared good works for you to walk in (Ephesians 2:10)

You are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14)

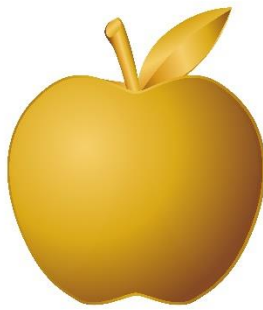
Your sins are forgiven (Colossians 1:14)

You are forgiven and set free from shame, guilt, and condemnation
(Psalm 103:11-12)

You have been set free from the bondage of sin (Romans 6:23)

You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you (Philippians
4:13)

You have a hope and a future in the Lord (Jeremiah 29:11)



God is your refuge and shelter – no matter what! (Psalm 91:4)

God hears your prayers (1 John 5:14)

God will order His angels to protect you wherever you go (Psalm 91:11)

The Lord's steadfast love will never end (Lamentations 3:22)

God will make all things new (Revelation 21:5)

You no longer live, but Christ lives in you (Galatians 2:20)

God has given you weapons to fight the enemy (Ephesians 6:10-20)

No weapon formed against you will prosper (Isaiah 54:17)

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God will satisfy your soul and fulfill your longings with good things
(Psalm 107:9)

Jesus is your Good Shepherd – He’s taking care of you! (Psalm 23
& John 10)

God’s grace is available and enough for every situation (II Corinthians
12:9)



25 Ways to Encourage Someone After Failure or Felt Failure



I'm sorry this is hard.

I still believe in you.

I know you feel sad. I'm here if you want to talk.

I know you feel angry. I'm here if you want to talk.

Failure doesn't define you.

Failure is part of the learning process.

Failure never hurt a man (or woman) but success had lured many a man
(or woman) into pride.

Bouncing back make take some time.

Remember Thomas Edison. When he failed thousands of times, he just
saw it as discovered ways that something doesn't work.

I'm still on your team.

I'm thankful that you tried.

Even though it's painful, I know God will teach you many things
from this experience.

Even though it was expensive, I know God will teach you many things
from this experience.

I'm so proud of you for daring to try.

Every successful person I know has experienced failure many times and
it's always hard.



Let's take this one step at a time.

Let's look at what went well.

Making a mistake doesn't mean you are a failure.

God can turn this situation into something that is a blessing for you and
brings glory to Him.

You are allowed to take time to heal.

God is with you. (Matthew 28:20)

The righteous fall seven times and seven times they rise up
(Proverbs 24:16)

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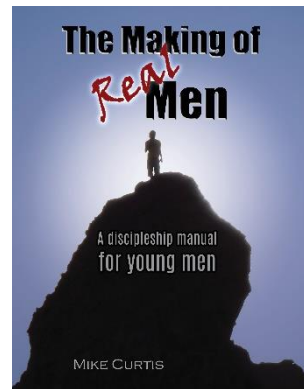
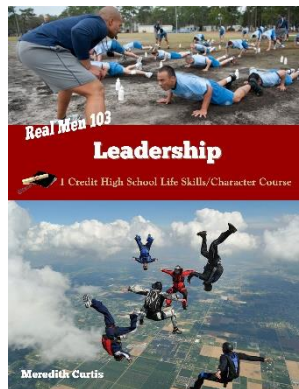
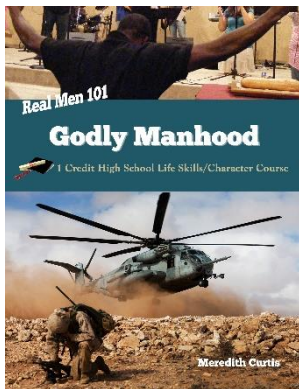
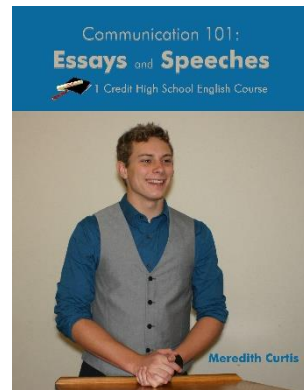
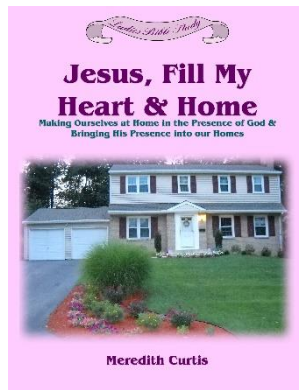
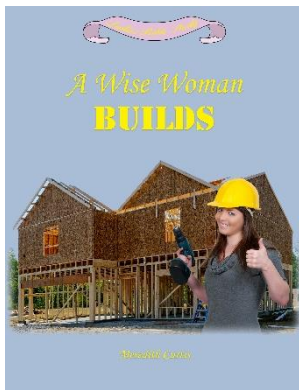
Even now, you can trust in the Lord with all your heart. Don't lean on your own perspective/understanding. Commit your way to the Lord and He will make your paths straight (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Trust in the Lord. Commit your way to Him and He will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn and the justice of your cause like the noonday sun (Psalm 37:5-6)

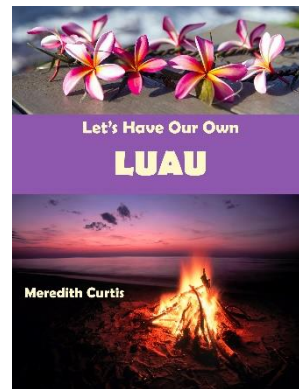
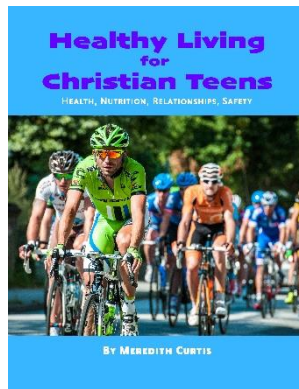
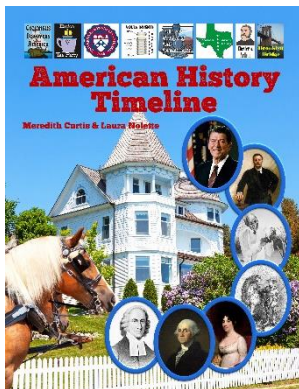
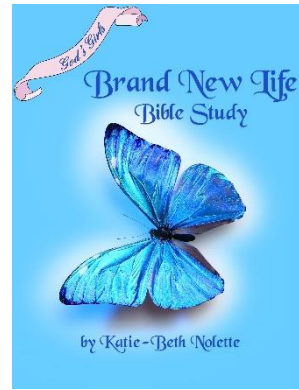
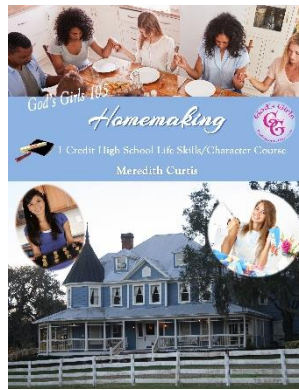
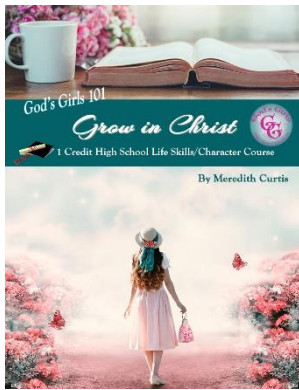
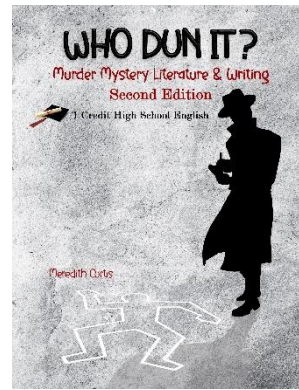
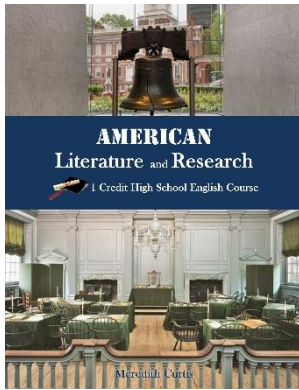
Do not be afraid. God will strengthen and help you. He will uphold you with His Victorious Right Hand (Isaiah 41:10)



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