



Make  
Love  
Not  
War



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## Mark 7:20-23

<sup>20</sup> And he (*Jesus*) said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup> coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”



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James 1:19

<sup>19</sup> Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger...



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Proverbs 18:13

<sup>13</sup> If one gives an answer before he hears,  
it is his folly and shame.





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It (*the tongue*) is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.<sup>9</sup> With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.<sup>10</sup> From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.<sup>11</sup> Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water?<sup>12</sup> Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.



## Building Trust - Speaking

Proverbs 18:2

<sup>2</sup> A fool takes no pleasure in understanding,  
but only in expressing his opinion.



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Titus 3:2

<sup>2</sup> to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.



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- **All of this applies online.**



## So...Therefore...What Now?

### *Devote yourself to...*

- **Defining truth by God's word, recognizing dignity and depravity.**
- **Extending grace because you have embraced God's grace.**
- **Cultivating trust by how we listen and speak.**



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***Sometime this week ask the Lord  
how he wants you to work  
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