

# TALK IT OVER

The Excellent Way

## BOTTOM LINE

If you are a Christ follower, there is no room for speaking death.

## CONVERSATION STARTER

Besides salvation and family, share something specific for which you are grateful.

## THINGS TO CONSIDER

*What did you hear?*

*What do you think?*

*What will you do?*

## RESOURCES

- The Daily: [newpointeorg/daily](http://newpointeorg/daily)
- [Speak Life](#) – song by TobyMac
- [5 Ways to Speak Life into a Broken and Hurting World](#) - an immensely helpful short read.

## KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

*Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.* Matthew 12:30 NIV

*Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.* James 1:26 NIV

*I will show you the most excellent way.* 1 Corinthians 12:31 NIV

*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.* 1 Peter 2:9 NIV

"Jesus declared there is no middle ground between the kingdom of heaven and the world. A person is either with Christ or against Him." – Dwight Mason

"Through faith we no longer search endlessly for faults, instead we search endlessly to build up and lift." – Dwight Mason

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How do our dysfunctions we refuse to deal with become extremes in our lives and cause dire consequences? As we cooperate with God to control our tongues and love like Jesus, we move from judging to accepting, from criticizing to supporting, from sarcasm to kindness, from pessimism to optimism, from complaining to gratitude, from gossiping to trustworthiness. Where have you grown the most? Where is God working in you now? The chronically judgmental person sets in motion a law of the kingdom: "You reap what you sow." Discuss. How does living in our dysfunction bring distress to us and pain to others? How does changing personally impact family/church/history? Gratitude is the healthiest human emotion. How does it impact my life and witness? How can I speak life today? This week?

## ACTION STEPS (This or one of your own)

I will be grateful and share God's work in my life as I have progressed from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. I will be aware and responsible to grow with God in my areas of dysfunction. I will speak life in all my surroundings.

My Action Step: \_\_\_\_\_