



**Eloquent** – in the way in which we speak to each other; don't use slang and swearing; be able to express your thoughts and beliefs and learn to explain and convince others with great articulation and persuasion; use the right words, say it well.

**Truthful** – in your words and actions to the Gospel; in what I say of myself, others, the relations between people and the world;

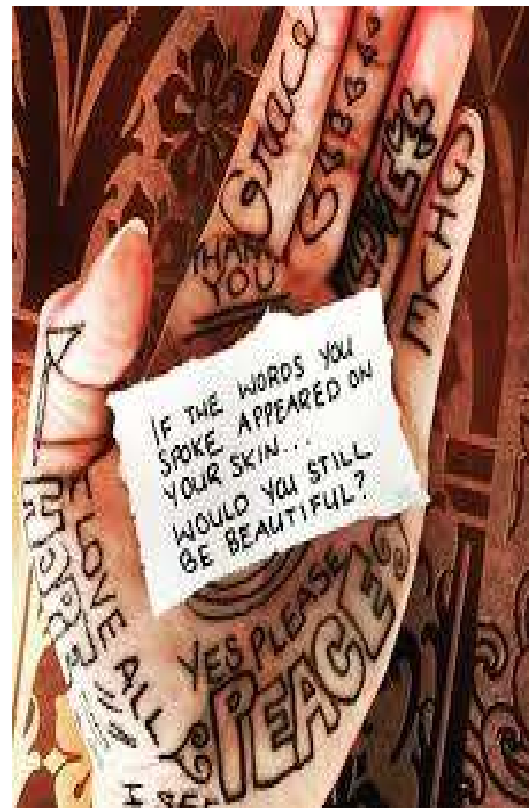
### If the words you spoke appeared on your skin would you still be beautiful?

"If I were to have every word I spoke, typed, thought, wrote on my hands where everyone could see them... Would I be proud to show off my hands?"

For most people the answer is simply "no."

"I wouldn't be able to be proud of my hands because my words have failed. I have said many things that I cannot take back. I have hurt too many people with my words and not built up as many. I have not been wise in what I have said and written, I have not been careful to think about what I have thought or said behind the cover of my computer screen or others backs or even to their faces."

What words would God like to appear?  
What might effect the words that do appear?  
Is it too late to change?



### What about:

### "If the words we spoke to others appeared as wounds on the skin of those spoken harshly to?"

Would we change the ugliness of our words?  
If people could physically see the way words injured the heart and soul of the people around us, would we withdraw the weapon of our tongues?

Luckily, we do not have our words written across the flesh of our hands.  
Luckily, our words don't appear as wounds on the skin of those spoken harshly to.  
Luckily, no one but us (and God) has heard the thoughts we create in our minds.  
But we have a responsibility to use our words wisely: Words cut deeper than any knife can, but words can also save someone's life. It's your choice: Choose carefully.

God spoke the first words over the Earth. "Let there be light." And there was light. Four simple words but these simple words bring us life everyday. Without the sun we would not have many of the things we take for granted.

When you think about it words are the epicenter of who we are. Not spiritually, as of of course that belongs to Jesus. Words are our most important form of communication, yet all they are, are grunts and a strange collection of sounds that somehow make sense to us as words.

Everyday we use words to protect ourselves and our hearts, to express how we feel, what we like and who we are thankful for; we answer questions and speak our mind as is our right but also we have a responsibility to think and be careful about what we say, how we say things and be truthful in what we do say or we can create problems.

Our words express who we are: When you want to be funny you crack jokes, tell funny stories, or share in a silly moment with someone: In anger, sometimes we scream and yell. We hurl insults or drag somebody through the mud; In love we tell others all we feel and like about them; Sadness makes you cry and plead to God; Even in prayer we use words. Whether or not you believe in tongues (a spiritual gift of speaking a language only you and God understand essentially) it is still a collection of words.

Unfortunately, in this world, words are used like a wrapper to be thrown away. We just say things like it doesn't matter. We use our words to harm, hurt, destroy, negate, and lie. We throw words around aimlessly, we gossip and hide behind the screens of computers, cell phones, and tablets. If only we could taste the words as they crossed our own tongue towards other people perhaps we would be more thoughtful and careful in what we say, understanding the damage we could cause.

For truly words cut deep. Not only do words wound, but their poison can seep into the lives of those we afflict with our carelessness. It is worth taking a moment or more to think, pray, ask forgiveness, repent, restore, and work tirelessly to tame our tongues before, during and after words fly past it.

Remember every word we use actually means something: They are a double edged sword: They can hurt someone or build someone up: They can encourage, inspire, create, teach, and a multitude of other things.

**How do you want your words to be remembered?**



Trustworthiness Moderation  
 Perseverance  
 Inspirational Diversity Honesty  
 Individuality Harmony Luck  
**Success**  
 Determination Caring  
 Wisdom Leadership Passion  
 Ambition Courage  
 Love

A Way with  
**Words**

CHANGE  
 YOUR WORDS,  
**CHANGE**  
 YOUR WORLD

LISTEN HONOR ALWAYS  
 unique thankful TRUST Kiss  
 Devotion HOME LOVE Romance  
 bless LOVE  
 memories RESPECT **Family** FOREVER HOPE CHERISHED UNITY  
 Smile TOGETHER FAITH STRENGTH Warmth  
 MARRIAGE relationship HUG Treasure HEART  
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