

Dear NU Family,

I am a people-lover. The very meaning of my name, Lover of Horses, describes that about me (we can just ignore the horse part). Because I love people, I often work hard not to be offensive. At the same time, I have learned that truly loving people includes honest and clear communication. Using our words well is important for creating healthy communities. Zig Zeiglar made the statement, "It's not what you've got, it's what you use that makes a difference". We can make a difference by simply using our words in a healthy way. Proverbs 16 and 17 gives us good insight on this truth. Words can cause a great deal of trouble. The words you speak can be either life-giving or destructive. For example, gossip has the power to break up friendships. As Proverbs 16:28 observes, "The perverse stir up dissension, and gossips separate close friends".

You have a responsibility not only for the words that you speak, but also for what words and whose words you listen to. Proverbs 17:4 reminds us that "evil people relish malicious conversation; the ears of liars itch for dirty gossip". As the saying goes, whoever gossips to you will probably gossip about you. How you speak and how you listen will affect the whole atmosphere in our community, and living in a healthy community is worth seeking after. As Proverbs 17:1 says, "Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife".

Our words are powerful. Let's determine to speak positive, encouraging words of life everywhere we go today.

Father, we are grateful for a community that loves and supports one another. Help us as we guard this life-giving atmosphere by using our words wisely. Help us be honest with one another and at the same time be careful how and where we use our words. In Jesus' name. Amen.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Mon, Nov 12 | Chapel: Megan Netherton | Butterfield Chapel Balcony, 10 & 11:20am

Mon, Nov 12 | Pursuit | Butterfield Chapel, 8:30pm

Wed, Nov 14 | Chapel: Student Speakers | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

Fri, Nov 16 | Chapel: Christian Dawson | 10 & 11:20am

Fri, Nov 16 | Local Outreach Opportunity with Friends of Youth * | Contact [Destiny Kennedy](#) for more information ***2 SL Credits offered**

Sun, Nov 18 | Local Outreach Opportunity with Hopelink * | Contact [Destiny Kennedy](#) for more information ***2 SL Credits offered**

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