

MY BIG FAT MOUTH

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Criticism

¹⁴ For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another. **Galatians 5:14-15 (NLT)**

¹⁸ Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing. **Proverbs 12:18 (NLT)**

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. **Ephesians 4:29 (NIV11)**

Which Do you Want to Be?

- A _____ finder

⁸ Be clearheaded. Keep alert. Your accuser, the devil, is on the prowl like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. **1 Peter 5:8 (CEB)**

- Demonstrates our own _____
- Leads us to _____

¹⁹ It's better to live alone in the desert than with a quarrelsome, complaining wife. **Proverbs 21:19 (NLT)**

- A _____ giver

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Romans 15:13 (NIV2011)**

- Overflows from God's work in _____
- Given _____

¹ ... I encourage God's own people to have more faith and to understand the truth about religion. ² Then they will have the hope of eternal life that God promised long ago. **Titus 1:1b-2a (CEV)**

¹¹ Dear brothers and sisters, I close my letter with these last words: Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you. **2 Corinthians 13:11 (NLT)**

A Prayer for Hope Givers

God, You are the ultimate supply of hope, peace and encouragement. It is out of an overflow of Your presence in our lives that we can build up others. We want and need more of You. Holy Spirit, we invite You into this week, into this moment, to transform us into givers of your great hope. Amen.

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Meditate on and/or memorize Proverbs 12:18
- This week I want to give hope to: _____
- Repent for those times when I've been a fault finder rather than a hope giver.
- Surrender my life into the hands of God by receiving Jesus as my Savior and Lord.