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“Every passing day confirms the wisdom in the words of the wise, just as every passing day confirms the foolishness in the words of a fool. It is best to think always before you speak.”

Words, language, and verbal communication—the most common and popular ways that we communicate with each other. Our words represent an extension of our thoughts. Sometimes, concurrent or subsequent action represents an extension of our words. You think, you talk, you act—this is life; or, is it?

When you take the time to be thoughtful about the words you choose to express yourself, then your words truly convey your thoughts and intentions—regardless of how good or bad your intentions are. On the other hand, when you express yourself without giving much thought to your choice of words, then you are more likely to convey unintended thoughts. The passage of time, more often than preferred, reveals the wisdom in thoughtful words, or the foolishness in thoughtless words. This is the lesson and the constant relationship between time and spoken words.

The fourth of [The Top Ten Laws of Respect](#) establishes the relationship between our words and the issue of respect, and I cover this relationship in great detail in [The Top Ten Laws of Respect](#) book series. It is best to avoid the path of a fool and to think always before you speak.

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