



# HOME-WORDS: OUR FAMILY LEXICON

Words That Build Up, Unite, Clarify & Sound Like Hope in Action Each and Every Day

As you discover, dissect and draw out these keywords in your home, jot them down and put them on display in your dialogue.  
Hang this on the fridge or recreate it on your family whiteboard.

A is for \_\_\_\_\_

B is for \_\_\_\_\_

C is for \_\_\_\_\_

D is for \_\_\_\_\_

E is for \_\_\_\_\_

F is for \_\_\_\_\_

G is for \_\_\_\_\_

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Z is for \_\_\_\_\_



# HOME-WORDS: WHY A LEXICON?

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Why develop a family lexicon?

Words mean things. For as long as mankind has had breath she's contorted her ideas into sounds and symbols. His concrete experiences and realities have been expressed through words and phrases. Communication and community have been married from the moment Creator God released Adam to tend the garden and tame the creatures side by side with his travelling mate, Eve.

And just as the Creator's words in the beginning spoke truth, built up and fostered life, so should ours. We have the ability, the freedom and the divine power to practice using the very words we would love to hear poured over us. You and I, in our own homes, filled with the discerning courage of the Holy Spirit, can begin identifying and sharing our own divine lexicons. However, if you're like me, you're prone to listening to the wrong voice, hearing the wrong ideas and investing in the wrong symbols and sounds. Words that tear down and destroy rather than build up and encourage.

So to combat this I'm inviting you to create your own lexicon. A lexicon of awesome words that foster the journey in a right and good and true direction. And to bring others with you.

After all...

**Words Build Up** / "Don't 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." Written to the Ephesian church, 4:29

**Words Unite** / "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." To the Ephesian church, 4:2-3

**Words Clarify** / "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you maybe filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." To the Ephesians, 3:17b-19

**Words Sound Like Hope in Action** / "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." To the Ephesians once again, 5:19-20

Let's avoid all the doomsdays, quagmires, toxins and funks, and go out of our way to build a strong and healthy lexicon for the journey ahead.