

## Part 3

### Words of Death

***And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: the tongue is so set among our members, that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. (James 3:6)***

A father's words can cut right to the heart of his kids, destroy his relationship with them over time, and render them dead inside. They become the walking wounded the rest of their lives. It's scary. It doesn't take much over time to kill a child's spirit. Words of death always tear down and demean, they never build up a child. The following examples show different ways fathers speak words of death to their children.

1. "You are an idiot, how could you do such a thing?"
2. "I wish I never knew you." "You are a complete failure!"
3. "You just don't get it do you?" "I don't think you'll ever get it." "Just grow up!"