



PURSUING GODLINESS
PART FOUR: WHOLESOME CONVERSATION

Ephesians 4:29

1. _____ of Corruption

This is not merely a limitation but an absolute prohibition of all corrupt talk. From foul language to coarse joking, all manner of speech that is filthy must depart the vocabulary of every Christian.

"The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks." ~ Luke 6:45

2. _____ through Words

You have, through your words, the opportunity to lift others up and encourage them to greater faith. Each occasion you experience has its own peculiar need for edifying words.

And Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, encouraged and strengthened the brothers with many words. ~ Acts 15:32

3. _____ of Grace

Do you consider your life to be the means by which other can come in contact with the grace of Christ? Christians are to use their words to bring a sense of God's grace to those who listen.

And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ~ Luke 4:22

COLOSSIANS 4:6

LET YOUR SPEECH ALWAYS BE GRACIOUS, SEASONED WITH SALT, SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW HOW YOU OUGHT TO ANSWER EACH PERSON.



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Additional Scripture References
(And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)

1 Thessalonians 2:4

...but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.

Proverbs 8:13

The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.

Ephesians 5:4

Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.

Proverbs 16:24

Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

1 Thessalonians 4:18

Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Acts 20:32

And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Proverbs 15:26

The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord, but gracious words are pure.

Psalms 19:14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

2 Corinthians 13:10

For this reason I write these things while I am away from you, that when I come I may not have to be severe in my use of the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down.