


LET'S PUT OFF CHILDISH THINGS

Ephesians NKJV 4:

¹¹And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in

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1. Unsteadiness

Definition Greek children: from an obsolete particle ne- (implying negation) and [2031](#); not speaking, i.e. an infant (minor); figuratively, a simple-minded person, an immature Christian:--babe, child (+ -ish).

2. Curiosity

2 Thessalonians 3: ¹¹For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies

3. Talkativeness

Proverbs NKJV 10: ¹⁹In the multitude of words sin is not lacking,
But he who restrains his lips *is* wise.

A. **Evil Speaking**-talking about and discussing the faults and failures of people not present,

B. **Vain Speaking**- Always talking about themselves,

Acts NKJV 13: ²As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

C. Foolish Speaking

Ephesians NKJV 5: ⁴neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.