

# Ephesians 4:29-32

## Scripture Translations:

“29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.” NKJV

“29 And never let ugly or hateful words come from your mouth, but instead let your words become beautiful gifts that encourage others; do this by speaking words of grace to help them. 30 The Holy Spirit of God has sealed you in Jesus Christ until you experience your full salvation. So never grieve the Spirit of God or take for granted his holy influence in your life. 31 Lay aside bitter words, temper tantrums, revenge, profanity, and insults. 32 But instead be kind and affectionate toward one another. Has God graciously forgiven you? Then graciously forgive one another in the depths of Christ’s love. TPT

## Key Words, Phrases & Definitions: (Use an online Greek dictionary to define these words)

- Corrupt
- Edification
- Impart
- Grace
- Grieve
- Sealed
- Bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, evil speaking
- Kind, tenderhearted, forgiving

## Verse Re-write: (use back of paper)

## Questions:

1. According to 1 Thessalonians 5:20, to **QUENCH** the Spirit is to dampen, hinder, repress, as in preventing the Holy Spirit from exerting His full influence. In this passage in Ephesians 4, Paul warns the ecclesia to not **GRIEVE the Spirit** (to *distress*; reflexively or passively to *be sad*: - cause grief, grieve, be in heaviness, (be) sorrow (-ful), be (make) sorry). One is wholly focused on self, while the other is determined by our relationship to others. Elaborate.
2. Given the unity of the body of Christ is paramount to fulfilling the mission of the ecclesia and bears witness of the presence of Christ, explain how we support and protect one another individually with our words leads to this eventuality.
3. How does speaking the truth in love support this all-important virtue of edification?

## Faith Declarations:

- Father, you breathed into man your breath of life for mankind to become a speaking spirit...presenting and re-presenting You every day. Today, I present my body as a living sacrifice for your words of edification, exhortation and encouragement to flow out of me toward others.
- Holy Spirit convict me of the sin of misplaced words and convince me of your righteousness and how my words release the sweet-smelling aroma of your divine Word...Yahshua.
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