

Talk the Talk & Walk the Walk:

An argument for Biblical speech and wise living

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➤ Matthew 12:33-37

- A tree is known by its fruit (v33)
- Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks (v34)
- We will give account for every careless word (vv36-37)

➤ Ephesians 4

- Speak truth in love, grow up into Christ (v15)
- Put away falsehood (v25)
- No corrupting talk, but only for building up (v29)
- Put away all slander (v31)



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