

Taming our Tongues

Ephesians 4:25-32

- Matthew 12:36-27
 - The importance of our words
- Proverbs 15:1
 - The power of our words & how we say them
- James 3:1-13
 - Effort involved
- Matthew 12:33-35
 - Our words proceed from our heart, our thinking
- Read Ephesians 4:25-32

- “Therefore, putting away lying, let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor, for we are members of one another” – verse 25
- Speak the truth, not falsehood
- Speak the truth in all matters
- “For we are members of one another”
- Unity requires TRUTH and TRUST
- 1 Peter 3:10-12

✓ Speak the truth

- “Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers” – verse 29
- Corrupt: crude, foul, base, low, worthless statements, evil, rotten comments, sexual innuendo, cursing, using God’s name in vain, dishonorable speech
- We are priests in the service of God, we are children of our Father in heaven, we are saints who are sanctified
- What about euphemisms?

gosh

Jeez or
geez

golly

darn

gee whiz

Oh my
goodness

dang

freakin'

shoot

dog gone
it

heck

cotton
pickin'

my lands

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- Also put away these (verse 31):
- Clamor = loud quarreling; outbursts of noisy contentions and angry tumults; yelling and shouting (in anger)
- Evil speaking = blasphemy against the good name of another; can include complaining against another, cursing them, slander, and backbiting (malicious talk about another who is not present)
- Put way all corrupt speech!

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- “Necessary edification”
 - Necessary = needful
- Edification = building up or improving
- Speech that is helpful spiritually
- Proverbs 16:22-23
- Proverbs 4:5-7, 20-22
- Proverbs 27:5

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- “That it may impart grace to the hearers”
- Goodwill and blessing
- Luke 4:22
- Colossians 4:6
- “Each one” = suited with spiritual wisdom for the occasion and the individual
- Ecclesiastes 10:12
- Proverbs 16:21; 12:25; 15:23;
- Proverbs 25:11

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- “Speaking the truth in love” – 4:15
- With the motive of love: active goodwill and best interest of the hearer
- Verse 32:
 - Kind
 - Tenderhearted
 - Forgiving

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- **“Speaking the truth in love” – 4:15**
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
 - Kind
 - Not out of envy
 - Not parading self
 - Not puffed up
 - Not rude
 - Not selfish
 - Not easily provoked
 - Thinking no evil
 - Not rejoicing in iniquity
 - Rejoicing in truth
 - Bearing all things
 - Believing all things
 - Enduring all things

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- Not motivated by this (verses 26-27, 31)
 - Bitterness
 - Wrath
 - Anger
 - Malice
- Must put these away!
- Matthew 12:34: “for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks”

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- ✓ Speak the truth in love
- **So what?**
 - Decency in the world is rare
 - The world presses upon us
 - Jeremiah 6:15
 - Colossians 4:6

- How do you speak to your spouse?
 - What is good for necessary edification?
 - Do your words impart grace to your spouse? Are they seasoned with salt?
 - Or do you speak words that provoke, discourage, belittle, or show disrespect?
 - Do you speak out of a motivation of love, according to the Bible definition of agape love?
 - Or do you speak out of bitterness, wrath, anger, or malice?

- How do you speak to your children?
 - What is good for necessary edification?
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- How do you speak to your brethren?
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- How do you speak to members of your family in time of disagreement?
 - What is good for necessary edification?
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- 1 Peter 3:15-17
- 1 Peter 2:11-12