

Lesson 8

Memory verse – Col. 3:17

II Tim. 4:12 “...be thou an example of the believer in word...”

Word – the utterances that we make, the things we speak

God has so very much to say about our words.

First the negative instruction.

Eph. 4:31 “Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and _____ speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.”

Evil speaking includes:

I Tim. 3:11 “Even so must their wives be grave, not _____...”

Rom. 1:29, 30 “...full of envy, murder, _____, _____, _____,
_____ vs. 30 _____...”

Eph. 4:29 “Let no _____ proceed out of your
_____...”

I Tim. 5:13 “...and not only idle, but _____, also and _____, speaking things which they ought _____.”

Titus 2:3 “...not false _____...”

Eph. 4:25 “Wherefore putting away _____...”

How much of our speech would be eliminated if we followed this Pauline pattern? No slandering, lying, whispering, backbiting and the like!! It’s just not in the pattern God delivered to Paul for our obedience.

What is?

Eph. 4:25 “...speak every man _____ with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.”

II Cor. 7:14 “...but as we speak all things to you in _____...”

Eph. 4:15 “But _____ the _____ in _____...”

Eph. 5:19 “_____ to yourselves in _____ and _____ and
_____...”

Col. 3:16 “...teaching and _____ one another in _____ and
_____ and spiritual _____...”

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Eph. 4:29 "...but that which is _____ to the use of _____, that it may _____ unto the _____."

I Thes. 5:11 "...and _____ one another..."

Col. 4:6 "Let your _____ be always with _____, seasoned with _____, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

These verses are the pattern for our words. Words that are truthful, loving, joyful, praising, gracious, and edifying.

Edifying – to build up!

These words do not come by a self-righteous adherence to a pattern that desires to gain acceptance with God on a performance basis. That's what the Galatians tried to do. Your acceptance with God was forever secured for you by Christ. This pattern is a result of putting on the new man (Eph. 4:24) living in the identity of who we are in Christ. By letting the _____ of _____ dwell in us richly (Col. 3:16).

This precedes the godly pattern of our speech. Our words reflect what is in our hearts.

Matt. 15:18 "But those things which proceed out of the _____ come forth from the _____;..."

God has always been interested in our heart. God speaks of the heart of Israel in Is. 29:13 "Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as _____ draw near me with their _____, and with their lips do honor me, but have removed there _____ far from me, ..."

As our hearts are filled with an appreciation for our Savior and over flow with thanksgiving for his love for us, our inward man will **delight** in words that fit this pattern laid out for us in the word of God.

II Cor. 5:14 "For the _____ of _____ us..."

Every word we speak should be able to pass the test of Col. 3:17 "And whatsoever ye do in _____ or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

Next week we will look at the pattern for our words in relation to the message we proclaim about the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lesson 8 Comments

Evil		admonishing
Slanderers		psalms
Debate		hymns
Deceit		songs
Backbiters		good
Evil		edifying
Communication		minister
Mouth		grace
Tattlers		hearers
Busybodies		edify
Not		speech
Accusers		grace
Lying		salt
Truth		word
Truth		Christ
Speaking		mouth
Truth		heart
Love		this
Speaking		people
Psalms		mouth
Hymns	heart	
Spiritual		Christ
Songs		constraineth
		Word

Col. 4:6 “Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.”

I know that I use too much salt on my food. I’ve been told by the medical profession to cut back on my salt consumption. This is difficult for me as I love the taste of this wonderful seasoning on my food.

Oh that I had the same consuming desire for salty speech. Speech that was savory that had a preserving and not corrupting quality. Speech that was always with grace. Speech that delivered the answer of God’s wonderful grace to the unsaved people around me and built up my fellow brothers and sisters in the Lord.