

Ephesians

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Message Title: **Christians and Their Words**

Ephesians 4:29 LSB | Sunday AM, June 26th, 2022 | Jack Lamb

²⁵ Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not give the devil an opportunity. ²⁸ He who steals must steal no longer, but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need. ²⁹ **Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for building up what is needed, so that it will give grace to those who hear.** ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and anger and wrath and shouting and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Instead, be kind to one another, tender-hearted, graciously forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has graciously forgiven you.

Introduction

Application Questions

- 1. How would you counsel a professing Christian who admitted that his speech was often unwholesome, but who wanted to change? Where would you start?*
- 2. To which form of unwholesome speech are you most inclined? How do you plan to change?*
- 3. How can you think wholesome thoughts about a person who is acting in ungodly ways? Is it wrong to tell this person how he makes you feel? How do you confront in love?*
- 4. Won't giving grace to a person just encourage him to sin more? Discuss in light of Romans 6:1-14; 1 Cor. 15:10.*

BE A DOER. Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil 2:12-13; 1 Tim 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions: (1) How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? (2) How can I accomplish this change? (3) What is the first step toward bringing about this change?