

The Tongue: Misuse & Proper Use Ephesians 4:29-30

- **Its Misuse: “Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths...”**
 - **Corruption/Filthiness:** Unwholesome or foul language. Perverse words are inconsistent with the Christian’s holy calling. (Proverbs 8:13; 10:31, 32; 23:33; Ephesians 5:4; Colossians 3:8)
 - **Lies/Deceit (Flattery):** To bear false witness; to be false to the truth and the God of all truth.()
 - **Gossip/Slander:** *Gossip* (typically true) is to reveal the secrets of others; to be a “whisperer” (Proverbs 18:8; 26:22). *Slander* (typically false) is defamation of another; to make false accusations that damage reputations (Proverbs 10:18; 20:19; Ephesians 4:31; Colossians 3:8; James 3:9-10; 1 Peter 2:1).
 - **Discontentment/Complaining:** To express disappointment or dissatisfaction against God and His Law; to complain or grumble against the circumstances/situations in life (Exodus 16:7-8; 1 Corinthians 10:6, 10; Philippians 2:14).
 - **Pride/Boasting:** To exalt self and be self-righteous; to be arrogant or haughty in order to receive praise and glory (Psalm 10:4; 12:3-4; 73:3, 9; Proverbs 11:2; 16:5, 18; 21:24; 29:23; 2 Timothy 3:2; James 3:5; 4:16).

- **Its Proper Use: “Only such as is good for building up... that it may give grace...”**
 - **Gracious/Edifying:** We are called to speak with kindness and gentleness, and to give grace and mercy as we have received grace and mercy from God (Proverbs 15:26; 16:21, 24; 22:11; Colossians 3:12; 4:6; Titus 2:7-8).
 - **Truth in Love:** We are called to address sin, first in our own lives and then in the lives of others. The hope is repentance as the outcome. (Proverbs 16:23; 19:1; Galatians 6:1; Ephesians 4:11-16; 25; 2 Timothy 2:24-25; Titus 3:2; 1 Peter 3:15-17).
 - **Contentment/Thanksgiving:** We are called to give thanks in all circumstances (Psalm 136; 2 Corinthians 9:8; Ephesians 5:19-21; Philippians 4:11-13; Colossians 3:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; 1 Timothy 6:6-8; Hebrews 13:5). We are able to do this when we sincerely believe in God’s sovereignty and goodness (Genesis 50:20; Ecclesiastes 8:12; Romans 8:28).
 - **Boasting:** We are called to boast in the Lord; Who He is and all He has done (Psalm 34:2; Jeremiah 9:23-24; Romans 15:17-18; 1 Corinthians 1:31; 2 Corinthians 10:13, 15, 17; 11:30; Galatians 6:14; Philippians 2:16).

- **Grieving the Holy Spirit: “Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God...”**
 - “Standing by himself”

Worship: Glorious Day (Casting Crowns) Christ the Solid Rock (Norton Hall Band)
How Deep (Kings Kaleidoscope) **Closing Song:** His Mercy is More (Matt Boswell)

Service Times: Sundays: Revelation Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7;
Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

Announcements:

- FRIENDSGIVING: We will be having our annual Friendsgiving Dinner together on Wednesday, November 24th, at 6:30pm, at the Decker Residence (517 Jackson Blvd). There are TWO sign-up lists on the back table, one to sign-up to bring main dishes, side dishes, and desserts; and one to sign-up if you plan on attending Friendsgiving! *****This is the last day to sign-up for Friendsgiving!!***