

Words Corrupt

Words Matter, Part 3 of 5



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If your goal is to please God, there are types of words you need to stop using. *Hebrews 11:6; Ephesians 4:29*

Delete words that are:

- arrogant. *Psalms 10:2-7; Proverbs 27:1-2*
- angry. *Proverbs 12:18, 20:3; Ephesians 4:31*
- deceptive. *Proverbs 26:18-28; Ephesians 4:25*
- indiscreet. *Proverbs 11:22, 15:28, 17:9*
- shameful. *Ephesians 5:3-4*
- divisive. *Proverbs 6:16-19, 1 Corinthians 13:4-6*

If your goal is to please God, with the Spirit's help, change your default response.

Usual	Approach	Wise
	<u>Support</u> - "I care about you."	
	<u>Clarify</u> - "This is what I hear you saying....Is that accurate?"	
	<u>Probe</u> - Question to get new information.	
	<u>Instruct</u> - Share new insights.	
	<u>Judge</u> - Evaluate merits.	

My Next Step(s)

- ☐ I want to receive Jesus' gift of salvation and begin a new life as a part of God's family. I will ask a Christian friend or church leader to help me get started.
- ☐ I will work on deleting corrupting words from my speech.
- ☐ I will _____
- ☐ I will memorize Ephesians 4:29 (CSB)
No foul language should come from your mouth, but only what is good for building up someone in need, so that it gives grace to those who hear.