

TODAY'S SERMON:
THE ART AND SCIENCE OF WORDS

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Ephesians 4:29-30
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If you are in a Life Group, take some time to answer these questions before your Life Group meets. Feel free to use a journal or separate sheet of paper if you need more space.

❖ Some words are _____ (29a)

❖ Some words are _____ (29b)

❖ Every word is _____ (30)

LOOKING CLOSER AT THE PASSAGE

29 Can you think of an example of an “unwholesome” word that has left a life-long impression on you? How about an edifying word?

What kind of unwholesome language do you struggle with the most? (Vulgar language, sinful sarcasm, angry outbursts, etc.)

How can we grow in skillfully speaking the right words, at the right time, in the right way?

How can you address a confrontational issue in a way that still imparts grace to those who hear?

30 Given how often Christians sin with their words, do you think the Holy Spirit is sad all the time?

Why do you think that Paul refers to the Holy Spirit in particular, rather than God in general?

How should knowing that we have been sealed for redemption impact our language?

STUDY QUESTION (Optional)

Read the following passages and write down all the characteristics of the Holy Spirit you see that prove He is a person, not just a force or power.

John 14:26; 15:26; Romans 8:16, 26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:10-11; 12:11; Acts 8:29; 13:2; 15:28; 16:6-7; 4:30

MEMORIZATION CHALLENGE REMINDER

For those of you who have committed to memorizing the book of Ephesians, this is just a friendly reminder to keep at it!

READING PLAN: MAY 16-22

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