

BUILDING LOVING RELATIONSHIPS – PART V
“Loving Through Talking”
Ephesians 4:29-32

God has given us the ability to communicate with him and one another. Language is a gift. We can use our speech to build up people or we can use our language to hurt each other and spread division in the church. Today’s teaching will expose the variety of sins of speech that we are all guilty of, and show us how we can use our language as a means of blessing the people in our lives.

#1. OUR SPEECH SHOULD NOT BE _____, v. 29

- A. Unwholesome (*sapros*) used of rotten fruit and fish
- B. Unwholesome talk is inconsistent with being in Christ, 4:22-24, 5:4
- C. Unwholesome talk includes many sins of speech:
 - 1. Dirty jokes
 - 2. Sarcasm
 - 3. Slander
 - 4. Lying
 - 5. False accusations
 - 6. Insulting people
 - 7. Disrespecting people
 - 8. Making fun of someone
 - 9. Gossip
 - 10. Malicious remarks
 - 11. Flattery
 - 12. Misinformation
 - 13. Spreading fear
 - 14. Tempting people
 - 15. Manipulation
 - 16. Speaking before thinking
 - 17. Critical spirit / judgmental

#2. OUR SPEECH SHOULD FOCUS ON _____ ONE ANOTHER UP, v. 29

- A. What is the purpose of language?
- B. We love people through our speech & actions
- C. We fulfill the love commands through actions & words

APPLICATION POINTS

- 1. The _____ of perfection is mastery of the tongue
- 2. The tongue is _____
- 3. The tongue is used _____

#3. OUR SPEECH SHOULD FOCUS ON MEETING THE _____ OF OTHERS, v. 29

- A. We need to have awareness of what others are feeling
- B. We need to look at body language
- C. We need to do a diagnostic before we speak

#4. OUR SPEECH SHOULD FOCUS ON IMPARTING _____ TO OTHERS, v. 29

- A. Speech should give grace (*charis*) to the listeners, Col 4:6
- B. Speech is a means of blessing people
- C. Speech is impactful in building relationships

#5. OUR SPEECH IS CORRUPTED WHEN OUR HEARTS ARE _____, v. 30-32

- A. Grieving the Holy Spirit through unwholesome talk, v. 30
- B. Get rid of bitterness, rage & anger – so you don’t speak it
- C. Get rid of brawling, slander & all malice – so you don’t speak it, v. 31
- D. Get a kind, compassionate & forgiving heart – keep your speech filled with grace, v. 32, Luke 6:45

ANSWERS: Weaponized, Building, Litmus Test, Untamable, Inconsistently, Needs, Grace, Corrupted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Pastor Bruce is continuing his series titled "Building Loving Relationships." This morning's teaching will point out the importance of loving people through our speech.

We will also be gathering at the Lord's table this morning to celebrate everything that Jesus has done for us.

NEXT WEEK

Pastor Bruce will continue his series "Building Loving Relationships."

TUESDAY ONLINE ZOOM STUDY & PRAYER

Is canceled for the summer and will resume in the fall

PICNIC IN THE PARK AUGUST 4th, 10:30

Hillcrest Church and Roseville City Church are partnering to do a community BBQ. Invite a friend!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL – SEPTEMBER 14, 6:15PM

Join us at Garbolino Park for an ice cream event! Enjoy the fellowship and bring a friend.

ANT INVASION

We have a serious problem with ants in the building. Please make sure all food is put away in containers and all counter tops are wiped off. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Welcome

to

Hillcrest Church

Love, Acceptance & Forgiveness!

*For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one
command: "Love your neighbor as yourself.*

Galatians 5:13

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