

The Speech of the New Person
Ephesians 4:29-30
February 23, 2020

1. How does 4:30 prove the personhood of the Holy Spirit?
2. Why do you suppose Paul presents grieving the Spirit of God as motivation to avoid sin?
3. How would you explain the difference between lying (4:25) and unwholesome speech (4:29)?
4. Use Bible study tools or ask someone to help you look up other passages regarding speech and the tongue (especially Proverbs). What do these passages tell us about the power of the tongue and the importance of words?
5. What three principles does 4:29 give us concerning our speech?
6. Why is *what* you say as important as *how* you say it? (see Prov. 10:19; 15:1; 25:11)
7. If our speech is going to be corrected, what needs to be dealt with first? (see Luke 6:45; James 1:26; Ps. 19:14; Prov. 15:28; 18:14; Matt. 12:25; 15:18-19)

Application Questions

1. Have you thought much about how great a privilege, power, and responsibility it is to be able to speak?
2. How can we encourage ourselves and each other to pay closer attention to what the Bible says about our speech?
3. What are some prayers we can begin praying *today* that will help us cleanse our hearts and our speech (see Ps. 19:14; Ps. 141:3; Col. 4:6)