

#1. No Corrupt Words but Words of Edification (Eph 4:29)

I. What not to do: Let Him who Stole steal no longer (4:28a)

II. What to Do: Steal no longer (4:28b)

III. Rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good (4:28c)

I. Put off Corrupt Speech 4:29a

“Let no corrupting word proceed out of your mouth”

- Matt 12:34-37; James 3:6

II. “Good Speech that Builds up & is Appropriate (4:29b)

“but what is good for necessary edification”

1. The Christian tongue should never be out of control.
2. Christian speech should never be selfish or self-centered.

III. It Gives Grace to Its Hearers

“that it may impart grace to the hearers”

#2. Do Not Grieve the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30)

- What Paul says in vs. 30 is key to understanding all of his commands
- This is the key difference between Christianity and mere moralism

I. Do Not Grieve the Holy Spirit of God

- Eph 4:30; Rom 8:19; 1 Cor 6:19; Gal 2:20

II. How Do We Grieve the Holy Spirit?

- Anything we do which is not holy grieves Holy Spirit of God. Gal 5:19

III. Why Shouldn't We Grieve the Holy Spirit?

“by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption”

Conclusion