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Speech

Ephesians 4:29

What types of speech are unwholesome? Look up the following terms in a dictionary:

Boast (Romans 15:17; 1 Corinthians 15:31; 2 Timothy 3:2; James 4:16):

Grumble (cf. Philippians 2:14):

Gossip (Proverbs 20:19; 2 Corinthians 12:20; 2 Timothy 2:16):

Quarrel (Proverbs 20:3; 2 Timothy 2:24):

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Busybodies (1 Timothy 5:13):

Sarcasm (Proverbs 16:24):

Slander (Colossians 3:8; Ephesians 4:31):

Coarse (Ephesians 5:4):

Flatter (Psalms 5:9; Proverbs 7:5; 29:5):

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Are all negative words about someone else wrong (cf. 2 Timothy 2:16, 4:14; 3 John 9-10)?

What should be the goal of our words?

What is the remedy for unwholesome speech from this verse? What more can we learn from the immediate context (4:17-32)? What more can we learn from the book context of Ephesians?

Unwholesome words are any negative communication about another person without the intent and the possibility of edifying the hearer.

Consider carefully and prayerfully the areas of speech in your life that need attention. Which type of speech do you fall short in?
