

### What can a person's speech reveal about a them?

It can reveal where you are from and who you spend time with. Matthew 26:73

It could be a sign of your intelligence or maturity. Proverbs 15:2,4 17:28

It can reveal a lot about your character. Proverbs 10:31-32, 26:28

Ephesians 4:29 Let no **unwholesome** word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for **edification** according to the **need of the moment**, so that it will **give grace** to those who hear.



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### “let no unwholesome word”

- Unwholesome – *sapros (sap-ros)*
  - Meaning: rotten, putrefied, unfit for use.
- Ephesians 4:25 Lying
  - Proverbs 12:22 6:16-19
- Ephesians 5:4 Filthiness (obscenity), Foolish talk, coarse jesting
- Curse words: &#x26;#x26;#x26;
  - Euphemism: a mild or indirect word or expression substituted for one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing.
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### “a word good for edification” (building up)

- Ephesians 4:14-16
  - Speaking the truth in love
    - Honesty always (no little white lies)
- Colossians 3:16
  - Are the words of Christ dwelling within you?
  - Did you find it edifying from the songs sang this morning?
- 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- Psalm 37:30-31
  - Those that are righteous can spread wisdom.

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### “need of the moment” (Proper)

- Peter’s example “putting his foot in his mouth”
  - Matthew 16:21-23
  - Matthew 17:1-8
  - John 13:5-11
- Peter’s examples “need of the moment”
  - Luke 9:20
  - Acts 1 and 2
- Proverbs 17:28, 18:13



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### “give grace”

- Proverbs 15:1
- Colossians 4:6
  - Speech seasoned with salt.
- Is grace present when difficult conversations arise?
  - Constructive criticism vs pointing out our flaws.
- James 1:19
- Matthew 12:33-37
  - “every careless word”

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