

Message by John Johnson
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Talk That Meets A Need
Ephesians 4:29

1. Read Eph. 4:29 out loud in as many different Bible translations as you have among the members of your group.
2. The Apostle Paul, in this verse, says not to use "unwholesome words." What is the contrast to unwholesome words that he puts forth in this verse? How do these two types of language contrast? What does each mean?
3. Pastor John used a number of object lessons in his message on this verse. What objects do you recall and what type of speech, positive or negative, did they represent?
4. Have you observed that language among believers has become more coarse with the passing of time? How about your own language – has it become less "wholesome" than in previous days?
5. John made the following statement: "You no longer have to imitate the boorish aspects of a decaying civilization to remain relevant." What does this mean?
6. One application John suggested was for each of us to identify a situation where our language smells the most, and determine this week to replace the stench with the fragrance of grace. How might this work out in your life?