

**HARVEST**  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
*Bible Passages for Spiritual Growth*  
*Ephesians 4:29-32*

**Context**

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**Commands**

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“Corrupt” has the idea of \_\_\_\_\_ and carnal; that which has a *rotten influence* on whatever is around it.

*“But (contrast) only use \_\_\_\_\_ words—words that build up.”*

“For \_\_\_\_\_ edification.” There’s a \_\_\_\_\_ to the speech.

*Result: it will minister \_\_\_\_\_ to those who hear.*

**Reasons: Your speech can \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit.**

Your speech has the power to give God \_\_\_\_\_.

**Putting off and putting on regarding speech. (4:31-32)**

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- Bitterness “bitterness, animosity, anger, harshness”
- Wrath “a state of intense displeasure, *anger, wrath, rage, indignation*”
- Anger “state of relatively strong displeasure, w. focus on the emotional aspect, *anger*”
- Shouting (clamor), a loud outcry; wailing; complaining
- Slander (evil speaking “speech that denigrates or defames, *reviling, denigration, disrespect, slander*”
- Malice a mean-spirited or vicious attitude or disposition, *malice, ill-will, malignity*

*Put on*

- Kind “kind, loving, benevolent”
- \_\_\_\_\_-hearted; pertaining “to having tender feelings for someone, tenderhearted, compassionate” lit: “good-\_\_\_\_\_.”
- Graciously \_\_\_\_\_ each other (to forgive or pardon for wrongdoing) in the manner of Christ. You should forgive in the same way that Christ forgave. How did Christ forgive?

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