

"Edifying Speech" (4:29-30)

BIG IDEA:

God's purpose for you, His child, is that your wealth in Christ is to be manifested in your "walk" in and outside the body of Christ. Your "walk" includes expressing words that build up and do not tear down.

* "Sticks and stones will break my bones but _____ will never hurt me"

I. The EXHORTATION to a Worthy Walk in Christ in the church (v 1-3)

II. The WALK of our UNITY in Christ in the church (v 4-16)

III. The WALK of personal HOLINESS in the church (v 17-32)

* What is "Corrupt Communication"?

* **"Corrupt"** - "worthless, _____, putrefied, of poor quality or unfit to be used".

* **"Corrupt"** is that which brings forth _____ and not _____.

A. Initial observations for verses 25-32:

* There are things he mentions that we are to _____ and _____ do.

* Paul will give us a _____ command a corresponding _____
_____ command and a practical _____ why it is to be true.

* How we walk as believers affects our _____ with God and with each other and it has the _____ to help or to do damage.

* v 25 begins with _____ and means "for this _____"

B. Character quality: _____

* The **negative** injunction: _____

* _____ qualifies as corrupt speech

* Corrupt communication will always take your eyes _____ and God's intentions and have you put _____ in center stage.

Corrupt communication is speech which harms your neighbor, _____
your brothers and sisters in Christ, does not promote their wholeness and
_____ before the Lord.

* "word" - _____

* "no" - _____

* In what ways is our speech corrupt?

* The **positive** command: _____

* "good" - _____

* "edification" - _____

* What types of words can we use to build up one another?

* You are to use words of edification, _____

* God wants your words to minister _____

* The **reason** for the command: _____

* "seal" - _____

* What does this mean to you?