

## DAILY READING: CONVERSATION

I will honor God and encourage others in my conversations. Words have a lot of power. People can be hurt or helped by the words I speak. My conversations can draw others to Jesus or push them away. Unkind words create division (*separating something*) in relationships. Satan wants people to be at odds (*in conflict*) with one another. It is God's desire that I speak the truth in love, gentleness and self-control so I will honor God and help others feel safe with me. I need the help of the Holy Spirit to choose my words carefully. Words coming from my mouth are a reflection of what is in my heart. I need to bring my heart to God to be purified every single day. As a follower of Jesus, I am responsible for the types of conversations I have with others. It is not okay to criticize others. I do not have the right to say whatever I want. I need the help of the Holy Spirit to encourage others in my conversations.

## DAILY STUDY: CONVERSATION

**DAY 1:** Think First – 1 Timothy 4:12 (page 1192); Psalm 19:14 (page 541)

**DAY 2:** Tongue Control – James 3:1-12 (page 1224); Psalm 12:3-4 (page 537)



### Weather

Between the years of 1887 – 1950 weathermen in America had to watch their words carefully so they didn't mention tornadoes because they could lose their jobs. If they did, people would panic! While tornadoes can still be challenging to predict, meteorologists can predict them sooner and it is no longer against the law to mention tornadoes.

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**DAY 3:** Guard against Idle Conversation (*Chat*) –

Matthew 12:35-37 (page 954); Proverbs 10:20-21 (page 625)

**DAY 4:** Talk about Jesus – Acts 11:19-21 (page 1084);

Malachi 2:7 (page 934)

**DAY 5:** Gentle and Sensible – Colossians 4:6 (page 1178);

Proverbs 25:11-12 (page 638)

**DAY 6:** Not Vulgar (*bad language, dirty jokes*) – 1 Peter 3:10

(page 1231); Ephesians 4:29 (page 1165); Psalm 34:12-14 (page 548)

**DAY 7:** Be Constructive (*helpful and encouraging*) –

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (page 1184); Colossians 3:8 (page 1178); Hebrews 10:24-25 (page 1217); Psalm 141:3 (page 610)

**Take time to learn the memory verse  
and have fun doing the activity.**

## ACTIVITY: What Do You Say?

This week take time each day to consider how you talked to others. Were you being encouraging or hurtful? Make a list of things you said that encouraged others.

### STEPS:

Make a list of things you said that might have been hurtful.

Ask God to help you say more encouraging words and less hurtful words. If you said any hurtful words this week apologize to the person and ask for forgiveness.

### MEMORY VERSE:

Ephesians 4:29  
"Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them."  
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