

DAILY READING: CONVERSATION

I will honor God and encourage unity with my speech. My conversations will be honest but filled with grace. I will honor Jesus by speaking truthfully with love and encouragement. I will speak responsibly and choose my words carefully because people are powerfully affected by words. How I speak to someone or how I speak in front of others, has the power to influence their desire to know Jesus or turn away from Him. When I speak, others will be drawn to the Spirit of Jesus within me.

The words from my mouth will be uplifting, encouraging, kind and gracious. Words can build up and they can destroy. Unkind words can cause great damage and create division. I will avoid conversations involving gossip. I will not use foul language or say hurtful words in anger. I will not use words for criticizing but to increase understanding and bring peace. As a follower of Jesus, I do not say whatever comes to mind. I stop and think first, exercising self-control and speaking with grace. I will honor God and encourage unity with my speech.

I will make it my daily goal to speak life-giving words to those around me. That means being aware of others' situation so I know what to say at just the right time. I will seek the Spirit's wisdom so my conversations will be helpful, not hurtful or misunderstood. My conversations will be gentle so others will feel safe enough to share and be heard.

As a follower of Jesus I am responsible for the words I speak and how I say them. The condition of my heart influences the kinds of conversations I have with others. In order for my words to bring honor to God the attitude of my heart must be made right. Daily I will bring my heart to God to be purified so my conversations will be pure and uplifting. I will honor God and encourage unity with my speech.

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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DAILY STUDY: CONVERSATION

DAY 1: Think First - 1 Timothy 4:12 (Page 911); Psalm 19:14 (Page 422)

DAY 2: Tongue Control - James 3:1-12 (Page 931); Psalm 12:3-4 (Page 419)

DAY 3: Guard Against Idle Conversation - Matthew 12:35-37 (Page 743); Proverbs 10:20-21 (Page 487)

DAY 4: Talk About Jesus - Acts 11:19-21 (Page 840); Malachi 2:7 (Page 729)

DAY 5: Gentle and Sensible - Colossians 4:6 (Page 904); Proverbs 25:11-12 (Page 499)

DAY 6: Not Vulgar - 1 Peter 3:10 (Page 936); Ephesians 4:29 (Page 897); Psalm 34:12-14 (Page 428)

DAY 7: Be Constructive - 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (Page 907); Colossians 3:8 (Page 903); Hebrews 10:24-25 (Page 926); Psalm 141:3 (Page 477). Read the Daily Reading once again and highlight things that stand out. Answer the three Life Transformation questions for growth in this area. Take time to learn the memory verse.

ACTIVITY:

Today review not only your vocabulary but the words you are using to frame your world. Are there some negative patterns to correct? Try to focus on the positives in your life and frame the conversation with gratitude. Pray for God's help in developing loving conversations.

LIFE TRANSFORMATION QUESTIONS:

1. As you read the Daily Reading, what stood out and why?
2. What action will you take to apply this truth? Be specific.
3. What areas of your life will benefit from this action? How and why?