

“DISCOVERING WONDERFUL THINGS” Psalm 119:18

Before you begin to study...Pray for understanding! (Proverbs 1:23)

PASSAGE Ephesians 4:29 DATE: _____

<p align="center">OBSERVATION</p> <p>What does this passage say? Write out the text. Read the text out loud slowly in different translations. Memorize it.</p>	<p align="center">INTERPRETATION</p> <p>What does this passage mean? (Define words - see cross-references.) Write out the interpretation. Is there a doctrine (teaching) to know? Is there a reproof (a sin to avoid)? Is there a correction (command to obey)? Is there instruction in righteousness (practical steps in how to put off the old nature and put on the new nature, Eph. 4:17-32)? II Tim. 3:16.</p>	<p align="center">APPLICATION</p> <p>What does this passage mean to me? How should this change my life? What specific things can I do to apply this truth to my life? Write down what you are going to do, with whom and for whom and when you will start.</p>	<p align="center">PRAYER</p> <p>Write out a personal prayer asking God to accomplish in your life what the passage demands.</p>
<p>“Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear.” (NASB)</p> <p>“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.” (NIV)</p>	<p>Define words like Unwholesome=</p> <p>Edification=</p> <p>Grace=</p> <p>X The tongue can be a source of harm X The tongue can build people up. X The tongue can be an instrument to minister grace.</p> <p align="center">Application</p> <p align="center">Johnny:</p> <p>Dependable – Wise Full of faith – Forgiving Enthusiastic – Resourceful Thrifty – Sincere Punctual – Tolerant</p> <p align="center">Harry</p> <p>Cautious – Grateful – Neat Has initiative – Responsible Courageous – Decisive Determined – Sensitive – Loyal</p>	<p>I must stop saying unwholesome words like: “Can’t you ever do anything right?” “You’re always 10 minutes late!” “Can’t you ever listen the first time?”</p> <p>I will make a list of the five people closest to me and the ten character qualities I appreciate about them and purpose to compliment one person each day.</p> <p align="center">Dick:</p> <p>Well disciplined - Bold Faithful - Discerning Good listener - Persuasive Content - Fair</p> <p align="center">Jane:</p> <p>Courteous - Kind Thoughtful - Well organized Humorous - Joyful Cheerful voice - Energetic</p> <p align="center">Suzy:</p> <p>Persistent – Available Accurate – Precise – Creative Reverent – Thorough Confident - Patient</p>	<p>Father, show me the things I say that are hurtful and cutting and help me to stop saying words that are unwholesome. Help me to say words that will build people up today and encourage them.</p> <p align="center">RESULTS</p> <p>What happened in my life because I applied this truth?</p> <p>The Holy Spirit pointed out to me that I say many more unwholesome (hurtful) words than I thought.</p> <p>I was able to keep my goal of one positive comment every day, and, in fact, on three days I could remember complimenting at least four people in the course of the day</p>