



Put Off Unclean Speech, Rather Give Thanks

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Ephesians 5:3-4

Let It Not Be Named Among Us

- **Ephesians 5:1-4** *"Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.*

³But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks."

Filthiness

- ***aischrotes* “baseness”** (from *aischos*, “shame, disgrace”), is used in Eph, 5:4, of obscenity, all that is contrary to purity. (Vines)
- **Obscene words are ugly, base or shameful.**
- **Obscene words are comparable to “gutter language”, crude speech about bodily functions or sexual activities.**

Foolish Talking

- *morologia*, from *moros*, “foolish, dull, stupid,” and *lego*, is used in Eph. 5:4; it denotes more than mere idle “talk.” Trench describes it as “that ‘talk of fools’ which is foolishness and sin together” (Vines)
- How then do fools speak?
- If we know what foolish talk is, we can know what speech we want to put off and replace with thanksgiving.

As A Fool Speaks

- Slander ~ Proverbs 10:18
- Anger ~ 12:16
- Deceit ~ 14:8
- Mocking ~ 14:9
- Lying ~ 17:7
- Contention ~ 18:6
- Perverse ~ 19:1
- Quarreling ~ 20:3
- Hasty in Words ~ 29:20

Coarse Jesting

- *eutrapelía* - Aristotle uses the original in his *Ethics* iv.14 as an equivalent of “quick-witted,” from its root meaning “something easily turned,” adding that, since the majority of people love excessive jesting, the word is apt to be degraded. This is the case in Eph. 5:4, where it clearly has a flavor of the coarse or licentious. (ISBE)
- This speaks of wit or humor that is filthy, crude or obscene, it often comes out in double entendres or dirty insinuations.
- Those who are quick-witted are especially vulnerable because their quick wit may cause them to speak before their conscience considers whether it is appropriate.

Rather Give Thanks

- **2 Corinthians 4:15** *"For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God."*
- **Phil 4:6** *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;"*
- **Colossians 2:7** *"rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving."*
- **Colossians 4:2** *"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;"*