

Walk In Wisdom II

^{KJV} **Colossians 4:5** Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. ⁶ Let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know **how ye ought to answer every man.**

^{NKJ} **Colossians 4:5** Walk in wisdom toward those *who are* outside, redeeming the time. ⁶ *Let* your speech always *be* with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know **how you ought to answer each one.**

^{ESV} **Colossians 4:5** Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know **how you ought to answer each person.**

^{NLT} **Colossians 4:5** Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will **have the right response for everyone.**

Consistency of **life** must be followed by consistency of **speech**.

Paul is not speaking here of preaching the gospel, but general conversation. Believers' **speech** must **always be with grace**, as was Christ's.

Consider **Luke 4:22...**

There is no place for those things that characterize the unredeemed mouth.

Whether undergoing persecution, stress, difficulty, or injustice, whether with your spouse, children, believers, or unbelievers—in all **circumstances** **believers** are to make gracious speech a **habit**.

To speak with **grace** means to say what is spiritual, wholesome, fitting, kind, sensitive, purposeful, complementary, gentle, truthful, loving, and thoughtful.

Consider **Proverbs 15:4** and **1 Timothy 6:3...**

^{NKJ} **Ephesians 4:29** Let **no corrupt word** proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

^{ESV} **Ephesians 4:29** Let **no corrupting talk come out of your mouths**, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

^{NLT} **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.

Ephesians 4:29 "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."

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