**Obsessed Obsessed with Words**

Family Questions

1. Today in the message Pastor Tim mentioned that atheists/agnostics have motives for their beliefs. What do you think are some common motives for groups who don’t have a faith in God. How do their motives play out in everyday life?
2. Author Dan Wakefield's experience in New York and reading a book entitled The Existentialist led him to believe that life was meaningless, which caused him to live life anyway he desired. How do you think the environment and culture of a place can influence one's beliefs and behaviors?
3. Aldus Huxley and Thomas Nagel both expressed a desire for the world to be meaningless to justify their actions. How do you think personal desires and biases can shape one's beliefs about God?

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**Read Colossians 3:5** Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8**But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.** (NIV)

**Filthy Language Makes You Filthy**

1. Paul, writes under the influence of the Holy Spirit, to say rid yourself of filthy language. Do you think there is a problem in our society with Filthy Language?

Give a couple of examples…

**Read James 3:2** We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

**3**When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. **4**Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. **5**Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. **6**The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one’s life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. (NIV)

1. James (Half-Brother of Jesus) discusses the power of words and their impact on our life and the world around us. Can you think of examples from your own life where words have significantly influenced your actions? What about the actions of others?

**Filthy Language Reveals the Heart.**

**Luke 6:45** A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. (NIV)

1. What are you currently storing up day to day?
2. How could you and your family better store up good things day to day?

**Words Also Bless**.

**Proverbs 18:20** From the fruit of their mouth a person’s stomach is filled;  
    with the harvest of their lips they are satisfied.

21The tongue has the power of life and death,  
    and those who love it will eat its fruit. (NIV)

1. Can you share an experience where positive words had a significant impact on you or someone you know?